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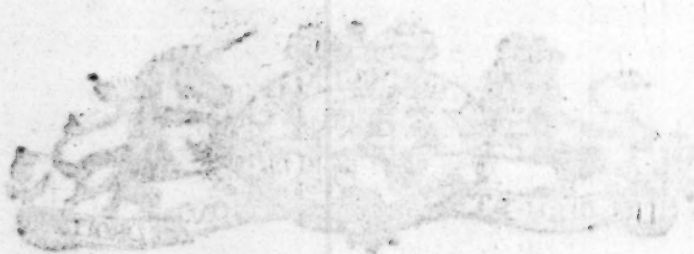
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ANNÆ Reginae

Magnæ Britanniae, Franciæ, & Hiberniæ,

N O N O.

At the Parliament begun and holden at
Westminster, the Twenty-fifth Day of *No-*
vember, *Anno Domini* 1710, in the Ninth
Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady
ANN E, by the Grace of God, of *Great*
Britain, *France*, and *Ireland*, Queen, De-
fender of the Faith, &c. being the First
Session of this present Parliament.



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At the Parliament begun and holden at
Westminster, the 1. Wednesday Day of the

Wor, and the 1st May, the General had
 Received and for the return of the
 and for setting to work the 1st of June
 Office for all the May and June, Lady
 in All for spending a Week in the

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General Post Office
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CAP. X.

An Act for establishing a General Post Office for all Her Majesty's Dominions, and for settling a Weekly Sum out of the Revenues thereof, for the Service of the War, and other Her Majesty's Occasions.

Most Gracious Sovereign:



HEREAS by an Act made in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *Charles* the Second, a General Post Office was erected and established in that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, and by the Twentieth Act of the Fifth Session of the First Parliament of His late Majesty King *William* the Third, a General Post Office was erected and established in that Part of *Great*

Preamble.

12 Car. II,
Cap. 35.

Britain called *Scotland*; and several Rates
 of Postage were thereby severally appointed
 to be received, under several different
 Powers and Authorities; which Two King-
 doms being since united, it is most likely
 that a Correspondence by Posts will be best
 managed and ordered for the Publick
 Good, by uniting also the said Two Post
 Offices under one Postmaster General:
 And whereas also Posts have at great
 Charges been established by Packet Boats
 between that Part of *Great Britain* called
England and the *West Indies*, and also on
 the Main Land in *North America*, through
 most of Her Majesty's Plantations and Co-
 lonies in those Parts, as also to divers
 Parts in *Europe*, to which no Packet Boats
 were till lately settled, and more Posts
 may yet be settled and established for the
 Publick Good and Welfare of all Your Ma-
 jesty's Subjects: And whereas the several
 Rates of Postage may in many Parts, with
 little Burthen to the Subject, be increased,
 and other new Rates granted; which ad-
 ditional and new Rates may, in some mea-
 sure, enable Your Majesty to carry on and
 finish the present War, so as suitable Pow-
 ers and Authorities be made for collecting
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the same, and sufficient Provision be made as well for preventing the undue Collecting and Delivery of Letters by private Posts, Carriers, Higlers, Watermen, Drivers of Stage Coaches, and other Persons, as all other Frauds to which the Revenue might otherwise be liable; which cannot be well and properly done, to answer the Ends aforesaid, without Authority of Parliament in a new Act to be made for the said Office, and for the Revenues to arise thereby: We therefore, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of Great Britain in Parliament assembled, do most humbly beseech Your Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by Authority of the same, That the said Act made in England in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty King Charles the Second, intituled, *An Act for erecting and establishing a Post Office, and the said Act made in Scotland in the Fifth Session of the First Parliament of His*

Former Acts in England and Scotland, relating to the Post Office, repealed.

said late Majesty King *William* the Third, intituled, *An Act anent the Post Office*, and every Article, Clause, and Thing therein, or in either of them contained, shall be, and is and are hereby, from and after the First Day of *June* One thousand seven hundred and eleven, actually repealed, except as is herein-after mentioned.

II. And, to the End a General Post Office may be established for and throughout Her Majesty's Kingdoms of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, Her Colonies and Plantations in *North America*, and the *West Indies*, and all other Her Majesty's Dominions and Territories, in such Manner as may be most beneficial to the People of these Kingdoms, and Her Majesty may be supplied, and the Revenue arising by the said Office better improved, settled, and secured to Her Majesty, Her Heirs, and Successors, in such Manner as is herein-after mentioned; be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That, from and after the said First Day of *June* One thousand seven hundred and eleven, there be from thenceforth one General Letter Office and Post Office erected and established in some convenient

One General
Post Office to
be erected;

ANNE *Regina*.

convenient Place within the City of *London*, from whence all Letters and Packets whatsoever may be with Speed and Expedition sent into any Part of the Kingdoms of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, or to *North America*, the *West Indies*, or to any other of Her Majesty's Dominions or Territories, or unto any other Kingdom or Country beyond the Seas, at which said Office all Returns and Answers may be likewise received; and that one Master of the said General Letter Office and Post Office shall be, from Time to Time, appointed by the Queen's Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, to be made and constituted by Letters Patents under the Great Seal of *Great Britain*, by the Name and Stile of *Her Majesty's Post Master General*; which said Master of the said Office, and his Deputy and Deputies by him thereunto sufficiently authorized, and his and their Servants and Agents, and no other Person or Persons whatsoever, shall, from Time to Time, and at all Times, have the receiving, taking up, ordering, dispatching, sending Post or with Speed, carrying and delivering of all Letters and Packets whatsoever, which shall, from

and one Post-
master Gene-
ral.

Exception.

Time to Time, and at all or any Times, be sent to and from all and every the Parts and Places of *Great Britain and Ireland, North America, the West Indies, and other Her Majesty's Dominions, and also to and from all and every the Kingdoms and Countries beyond the Seas, where he shall settle or cause to be settled Posts, or Running Messengers for that Purpose; except such Letters as shall respectively concern Goods sent by common known Carriers of Goods by Carts, Waggons, or Pack Horses, and shall be respectively delivered with the Goods such Letters do concern, without Hire or Reward, or other Profit or Advantage, for receiving or delivering such Letters; and except Letters of Merchants and Masters Owners of any Ships, Barques, or Vessels of Merchandize, or any the Cargo or Lading therein, sent on Board such Ships, Barques, or Vessels of Merchandize, whereof such Merchants or Masters are Owners, as aforesaid, and delivered by any Masters of any such Ships, Barques, or Vessels of Merchandize, or by any other Person employed by them, for the Carriage of such Letters aforesaid, according to their respective Directions, to*

as such Letters be delivered to the respective Persons to whom they shall be directed, without paying or receiving any Hire or Reward, Advantage or Profit for the same in any wise; and also except Commissions, or the Return thereof, Affidavits, Writs, Process, or Proceedings, or Returns thereof, issuing out of any Court, and also any Letter or Letters to be sent by any private Friend or Friends, in their way of Journey or Travel, or by any Messenger or Messengers sent on Purpose, for or concerning the private Affair of any Person or Persons.

III. Provided always nevertheless, That nothing in the said Exception contained shall extend or be construed to extend to give any Licence or Authority to any common known Carriers of Goods by Carts, Waggon, or Pack Horses, their Servants or Agents, to receive, collect, or deliver, with or without Hire, any Letter or Letters, Packet or Packets of Letters whatsoever, that do not concern Goods in their Carts, Waggon, or on their Pack Horses, nor to any Owners or Drivers of Stage Coaches, nor to any Owners, Masters, or Commanders of Boats,

Carriers,
Coachmen,
Watermen,
&c. not to
carry Letters.

Boats, called *Passage Boats*, sailing between any Part of *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, and any Parts or Places beyond the Seas, or their Servants or Agents, nor to any Passenger or Passengers on Board such Boats or Vessels, nor to the Owners or Watermen on Board of any Boat, Barge, or Vessel, passing or repassing on any River or Rivers to and from any Parts of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, *North America*, or the *West Indies*, or other Her Majesty's Dominions and Territories, although such Drivers of Stage Coaches, Owners, Masters or Commanders of Boats called *Passage Boats*, or Passengers therein, Owners or Watermen on Board of any such Boat, Barge, or Vessel, passing or repassing on any such River or Rivers as aforesaid, do not receive any Hire or Reward, or other Advantage for the same; but that all such Carriers, Owners and Drivers of Stage Coaches, Owners, Masters or Commanders of *Passage Boats*, and the Passengers therein, and all Owners and Watermen on Board of any Boat, Barge, or Vessel, passing or repassing on any River or Rivers to or from any the Parts and Places aforesaid, collecting and delivering Letters

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as aforesaid, though without Hire or Reward, shall be deemed and taken, and are hereby declared to be Persons offending against this Act, and shall forfeit and pay such Sum and Sums of Money, as Persons collecting, receiving, taking up, conveying, and delivering of Letters for Hire, or setting up, employing, and maintaining any Post contrary to this Act, or that are or shall be concerned therein, are herein-after enacted to forfeit and pay.

IV. And, to the End there may be One Chief Letter Office also in *North Britain* and *Ireland*, and at *New York* in *North America*, and in the *West Indies*, from whence the Distances for which the Rates hereby granted may be computed and settled; be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That such Postmaster General so to be constituted, as aforesaid, shall be at liberty to keep One Chief Letter Office in the City of *Edinburgh*, and One other Chief Letter Office in the City of *Dublin*, and One Chief Letter Office in *New York* aforesaid, and other Chief Offices at some convenient Place or Places in each of Her Majesty's Provinces or Colonies in *America*, and in each of the Islands in the *West Indies*,

A Chief Letter Office may be erected at *Edinburgh*, at *Dublin*, &c.

By Stat. 23. Geo. III. c. 23. the Kingdom of Ireland is declared independant of Great Britain; consequently the Provisions in this Act relating to Ireland have ceased.

Indies, called the *Leeward Islands*, and appoint sufficient Deputies under him for the better managing, ordering, collecting, and improving the Revenue hereby granted.

The Postmaster General, and no other, to provide Horses for riding Post.

Repealed by Statutes 22 Geo. 2. c. 25. s. 1 & 2. and 20 Geo. 3. c. 51. s. 57.

Rates for carrying Letters in *England*.

These Rates respecting England and Scotland are altered by Statutes 5 Geo. 3. c. 25. and 24 Geo. 3. c. 37.

V. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That such Postmaster General for the Time being, as shall from Time to Time be made and constituted by Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, and the respective Deputies or Substitutes of such Postmaster General, and no other Person or Persons whatsoever, shall prepare and provide Horses and Furniture to let to Hire unto all or any Person or Persons riding in Post, by Commission or without, to or from all and every the Parts and Places of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, where any Post Roads are or shall be settled and established.

VI. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for such Postmaster General to be constituted and appointed, as aforesaid, and his Deputy and Deputies by him thereunto sufficiently authorized, to and for the Use of Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, to demand, have, receive,

receive, and take for the Portage and Conveyance of all such Letters and Packets which he shall so convey, carry, or send Post as aforesaid, and for the providing and furnishing Horses for Persons riding in Post, as aforesaid, according to the several Rates and Sums of lawful *British* Money hereafter mentioned, not to exceed the same; (that is to say), For the Port of every Single Letter, or Piece of Paper, to or from any Place not exceeding Eighty *English* Miles distant from the said General Post Office in London, and within that Part of Great Britain called England, and not coming from or directed on Ship-board, Three-pence; and for the like Port of every Double Letter, Sixpence; and so proportionably unto the said Rates for the Port of every Packet of Letters; and for the like Port of every Packet of Writs, Deeds, and other Things, after the Rate of Twelve-pence of *British* Money for every Ounce Weight; and for the Port of every Single Letter, or Piece of Paper, to or from any Place above Eighty such *English* Miles distant from the said General Post Office, and within that Part of the Kingdom of Great Britain called Eng-
land,

Rates for
Scotland.

land, or to the Town of *Berwick upon Tweed*, and not coming from or directed on Ship-board, Four-pence; and for the like Port of every Double Letter, Eight-pence; and so proportionably unto the said Rates for the Port of every Packet of Letters; and for the like Port of every Packet of Writs, Deeds, and other Things, after the Rate of One Shilling and Four-pence *British Money* for every Ounce Weight: And for the Port of every Single Letter, or Piece of Paper, from the said General Post Office in *London* unto the City of *Edinburgh*, in that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*, or from thence to the said General Post Office in the City of *London*, and to and from *Dumfries*, or *Cockburnspeth*, and between either of those Places and the said City of *Edinburgh*, not coming from, or directed on Board any Ship, Sixpence; and for the like Port of every Double Letter, Twelvence; and so proportionably unto the said Rates, for the Port of every Packet of Letters; and for the like Port of every Packet of Writs, Deeds, and other Things, after the Rate of Two Shillings *British Money*, for every Ounce Weight; and for the Port of every
Single

Single Letter, or Piece of Paper, to or from the chief Post Office in the said City of *Edinburgh*, to or from any Place, not exceeding Fifty such *English* Miles distant from the said chief Post Office in *Edinburgh*, and within that Part of the Kingdom of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*, and not coming from, or directed on Board of any Ship or Vessel, Two-pence *British* Money; and for the like Port of every Double Letter, Four-pence of like Money; and so proportionably to the said Rates for the Port of every Packet of Letters; and for the like Port of every Packet of Writs, Deeds, and other Things, after the Rate of Eight pence *British* Money for every Ounce Weight; and for the Port of every Single Letter, or Piece of Paper, to or from any Place above Fifty such Miles distant from the said chief Office in *Edinburgh*, and not exceeding Eighty such Miles, and within that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*, and not coming from, or directed on Ship-board, Three-pence; and for the like Port of every Double Letter, Sixpence; and so proportionably to the said Rates for the Port of every Packet of Letters; and for the like Port of every
Packet

Packet of Writs, Deeds, and other Things, after the Rate of Twelve-pence *British* Money for every Ounce Weight; and for the Port of every Single Letter, or Piece of Paper, to or from any Place above Eighty *English* Miles distant from the said Chief Office in *Edinburgh*, and within that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*, and not coming from, or directed on Ship-board, Four-pence *British* Money; and for the like Port of every Double Letter, Eight-pence; and so proportionably to the said Rates for the Port of every Packet of Letters; and for the like Port of every Packet of Writs, Deeds, and other Things, after the Rate of One Shilling and Four-pence *British* Money for every Ounce Weight: And for the Port of every Single Letter, or Piece of Paper, from the said General Letter Office in *London*, unto the City of *Dublin* in *Ireland*, or from the said City of *Dublin* in *Ireland* unto the said General Post Office, and not coming from, or directed on Board of any Ship, Six-pence of *British* Money; and for the like Port of every Double Letter, Twelve-pence *British* Money; and so proportionably unto the said Rates for the Port of every

Rates for *Ireland*.

These Rates of Postage within Ireland have ceased, by that Kingdom having become independent; but the Rates of Postage from Great Britain to Ireland, and from Ireland to Great Britain, are, by 24 Geo. 3. Stat. 1. c. 6. §. 2. reserved to Great Britain.

every Packet of Letters ; and for the like Port of every other Packet of Writs, Deeds, and other Things of greater Bulk, Two Shillings of *British* Money for every Ounce Weight ; and for the Port of such Letters or Packets as shall be conveyed or carried from the Chief Post Office in the said City of *Dublin*, unto any other Place or Places within the Kingdom of *Ireland*, or from any other Place within the said Kingdom, not coming from, or directed on Ship-board, according to the Rates and Sums of *British* Money hereafter following, viz. For the Port of every Single Letter from the Chief Post Office in the said City of *Dublin*, to or from any Place not exceeding Forty *English* Miles distant from the said Chief Office in *Dublin*, and within the said Kingdom of *Ireland*, not coming from, or directed on Ship-board, Two-pence ; and for the like Port of every Double Letter, Four-pence ; and so proportionably unto the said Rates for the Port of every Packet of Letters ; and for the like Port of every other Packet of Writs, Deeds, or other Things, after the Rate of Eight-pence for every Ounce Weight ; and for the Port of every Single Letter, or Piece of Paper, to

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or from any Place above Forty *English* Miles distant from the said Chief Office in *Dublin*, and within the said Kingdom of *Ireland*, and not coming from, or directed on Board of any Ship or Vessel, Four-pence; and for the like Port of every Double Letter, Eight-pence; and so proportionably unto the said Rates for the Port of every Packet of Letters; and for the like Port of every Packet of Writs, Deeds, and other Things, after the Rate of One Shilling and Four-pence for every Ounce Weight: And for the Port of all and every the Letters and Packets of Letters directed on Board, or fetched or brought from on Board any Ship or Vessel, riding or stopping in any Port within Her Majesty's Dominions, the Sum of One Penny, over and above the Rates granted in and by this Act; and for the Port of all and every the Letters and Packets, passing or repassing by the Carriage called *The Penny Post*, established and settled within the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, and Borough of *Southwark*, and Parts adjacent, and to be received and delivered within Ten *English* Miles distant from the said General Letter Office in *London*,

Rates for Letters on Board any ship.

By Stat. 5 Geo. 3. c. 25. s. 4. One Penny extra charged on Ship Letters.

Penny Post.

By Stat. 4 Geo. 2. c. 33. a Penny additional is charged on Penny Post Letters delivered out of *London*, *Westminster*, *Southwark*, and their Suburbs.

London, One Penny; and for the Port of all and every the Letters, Packets, and Parcels of Goods that shall be carried or conveyed to or from any of Her Majesty's said Dominions, to or from any other Parts or Places beyond the Seas, according to the several and respective Rates following, the same being rated either by the Letter or by the Ounce; that is to say;

Rates for Foreign Letters.

All Letters and Packets coming from any Part of <i>France</i> to <i>London</i>	Single, Ten-pence.
	Double, One shilling eight-pence.
	Treble, Two shillings sixpence.
	Ounce, Three shillings four-pence.
All Letters and Packets passing from <i>London</i> , through <i>France</i> , to any Part of <i>Spain</i> or <i>Portugal</i> (Port-paid to <i>Bayonne</i>), and from <i>Spain</i> and <i>Portugal</i> , through <i>France</i> , unto <i>London</i>	Single, One shilling sixpence.
	Double, Three shillings.
	Treble, Four shillings sixpence.
	Ounce, Six shillings.
All Letters and Packets passing from <i>London</i> , through <i>France</i> , to any Part of <i>Italy</i> , or <i>Sicily</i> , by the Way of <i>Lyons</i> , or to any Part of <i>Turkey</i> , by the Way of <i>Marcelia</i> , and from any of those Parts, through <i>France</i> , unto <i>London</i>	Single, One shilling three-pence.
	Double, Two shillings sixpence.
	Treble, Three shillings nine-pence.
	Ounce, Five shillings.

All Letters and Packets
coming from any Part of
the *Spanish Netherlands*,
unto *London*—

Single, Ten-pence.
Double, One shil-
ling eight-pence.
Treble, Two shil-
lings sixpence.
Ounce, Three shil-
lings four-pence.

All Letters and Packets
passing from *London*,
through the *Spanish Ne-
therlands*, to any Part of
Italy or *Sicily* (Port-paid
to *Antwerp*), and from
any Part of *Italy* or *Si-
cily*, through the *Spanish
Netherlands*, unto *Lon-
don*—

Single, One shil-
ling.
Double, Two shil-
lings.
Treble Three shil-
lings.
Ounce, Four shil-
lings.

All Letters and Packets
passing from *London*,
through the *Spanish Ne-
therlands*, to any Part
of *Germany*, *Switzerland*,
Denmark, *Sweden*, and all
Parts of the *North*, and
from any of those Parts,
through the *Spanish Ne-
therlands*, unto *London*

Single, One shil-
ling.
Double, Two shil-
lings.
Treble, Three shil-
lings.
Ounce, Four shil-
lings.

All Letters and Packets
passing from *London*,
through the *Spanish Ne-
therlands*, to any Part of
Spain or *Portugal*, and
from any Part of *Spain*
or *Portugal*, through the
Spanish Netherlands, unto
London—

Single, One shil-
ling sixpence.
Double, Three shil-
lings.
Treble, Four shil-
lings sixpence.
Ounce, Six shil-
lings.

All

All Letters and Packets
passing from any Part of
the *United Provinces*, un-
to *London* —————

Single, Ten-pence.
Double, One shil-
ling eight pence.
Treble, Two shil-
lings sixpence.
Ounce, Three shil-
lings four-pence.

All Letters and Packets
passing from *London*,
through the *United Pro-
vinces*, for any Part of
Italy or *Sicily*, and from
any Part of *Italy* or *Si-
cily*, through the *United
Provinces*, unto *London*

Single, One shil-
ling.
Double, Two shil-
lings.
Treble, Three shil-
lings.
Ounce, Four shil-
lings.

All Letters and Packets
passing from *London*,
through the *United Pro-
vinces*, to any Part of
Germany, *Switzerland*,
Denmark, *Sweden*, and all
Parts of the North, and
from any of those Parts
and Places, through the
United Provinces, unto
London —————

Single, One shil-
ling.
Double, Two shil-
lings.
Treble, Three shil-
lings.
Ounce, Four shil-
lings.

All Letters and Packets
passing from *London*,
through the *United Pro-
vinces*, unto any Part of
Spain or *Portugal*, and from
any Part of *Spain* or *Por-
tugal*, through the *United
Provinces*, unto *London*

Single, One shil-
ling sixpence.
Double, Three shil-
lings.
Treble, Four shil-
lings sixpence.
Ounce, Six shil-
lings.

All Letters and Packets
passing from *London*,
through the *Spanish Ne-
therlands*, or the *United Pro-
vinces*,

Single, Ten-pence.
Double, One shil-
ling eight-pence.

Repealed by
Stat. 5 Geo. 3.
c. 25. s. 15.
and the same
Rates to be

*paid as be-
tween London
and Germany.*

*vinces, to Hamburg,
(Port paid to Antwerp or
Amsterdam), and from
Hamburg, through the
Spanish Netherlands or the
United Provinces, unto
London*

Treble, Two shil-
lings sixpence.
Ounce, Three shil-
lings four-pence.

*All Letters and Packets
passing between London,
Spain, or Portugal, by
Packet Boats*

Single, One shil-
ling sixpence.
Double, Three shil-
lings.
Treble, Four shil-
lings sixpence.
Ounce, Six shil-
lings.

*By Stat. 5
Geo. 3. c. 25.
s. 1 and 2. all
Rates of Post-
age between
London and
America, and
within Ame-
rica, are re-
pealed, and
other Rates
granted in
Lieu thereof.*

*All Letters and Packets
passing from London un-
to Jamaica, Barbadoes,
Antegoa, Montserrat, Ne-
vis, and Saint Christo-
phers in America, and
from any of those Places,
to London*

Single, One shil-
ling sixpence.
Double, Three shil-
lings.
Treble, Four shil-
lings sixpence.
Ounce, Six shil-
lings.

*All Letters and Packets
from London to New York
in North America, and
thence to London*

Single, One shil-
ling.
Double, Two shil-
lings.
Treble, Three shil-
lings.
Ounce, Four shil-
lings.

*All Letters and Packets
from any Part of the
West Indies, to New York
aforesaid*

Single, Four-pence.
Double, Eight-
pence.
Treble, One shil-
ling.
Ounce, One shil-
ling four-pence.

All

All Letters and Packets
from *New York*, to any
Place within Sixty *English*
Miles thereof, and
thence back to *New*
York —

Single, Four-pence.
Double, Eight-
pence.
Treble, One shil-
ling.
Ounce, One shil-
ling four-pence.

All Letters and Packets
from *New York* to *Perth*
Amboy, the chief Town
in *East New Jersey*, and
to *Bridlington*, the chief
Town in *West New Jer-*
sey, and from each of
those Places back to *New*
York, and from *New York*
to any Place not exceed-
ing One hundred *English*
Miles, and from each of
those Places to *New*
York —

Single, Sixpence.
Double, One shil-
ling.
Treble, One shil-
ling sixpence.
Ounce, Two shil-
lings.

All Letters and Packets
from *Perth Amboy* and
Bridlington, to any Place
not exceeding Sixty *En-*
glish Miles, and thence
back again —

Single, Four-pence.
Double, Eight-
pence.
Treble, One shil-
ling.
Ounce, One shil-
ling four-pence.

All Letters and Packets
from *Perth Amboy* and
Bridlington, to any Place
not exceeding One hun-
dred *English* Miles, and
thence back again —

Single, Sixpence.
Double, One shil-
ling.
Treble, One shil-
ling sixpence.
Ounce, Two shil-
lings.

All Letters and Packets
from *New York* to *New*
London, the chief Town

Single, Nine-pence.
Double, One shil-
ling sixpence.

in *Connecticut* in *New England*, and to *Philadelphia*, the chief Town in *Pensilvania*, and from those Places back to *New York* —

Treble, Two shillings three-pence.
Ounce, Three shillings.

All Letters and Packets from *New London* and *Philadelphia*, to any Place not exceeding Sixty *English* Miles, and thence back again —

Single, Four-pence.
Double, Eight-pence.
Treble, One shilling.
Ounce, One shilling four-pence.

All Letters and Packets from *New London* and *Philadelphia*, to any Place not exceeding One hundred *English* Miles, and so back again —

Single, Sixpence.
Double, One shilling.
Treble, One shilling sixpence.
Ounce, Two shillings.

All Letters and Packets from *New York* aforesaid to *Newport*, the chief Town in *Rhode Island*, and *Providence Plantation* in *New England*, and to *Boston*, the chief Town in *Massachusetts Bay* in *New England* aforesaid, and to *Portsmouth*, the chief Town in *New Hampshire* in *New England* aforesaid, and to *Annapolis*, the chief Town in *Maryland*, and from every of those Places to *New York* —

Single, One shilling.
Double, Two shillings.
Treble, Three shillings.
Ounce, Four shillings.

All

All Letters and Packets from *Newport, Boston, Portsmouth,* and *Annapolis* afore said, to any Place not exceeding Sixty *English* Miles, and thence back again —

Single, Four-pence.
Double, Eight-pence.
Treble, One shilling.
Ounce, One shilling four-pence.

All Letters and Packets from *Newport, Boston, Portsmouth,* and *Annapolis* afore said, to any Place not exceeding One hundred *English* Miles, and thence back again —

Single, Sixpence.
Double, One shilling.
Treble, One shilling sixpence.
Ounce, Two shillings.

All Letters and Packets from *New York* afore said, to the chief Offices in *Salem* and *Ipswich*, and to the chief Office in *Piscataway*, and to *Williamsburgh*, the chief Office in *Virginia*, and from every of those Places to *New York* —

Single, One shilling three-pence.
Double, Two shillings sixpence.
Treble, Three shillings nine-pence.
Ounce, Five shillings.

All Letters and Packets from the chief Offices in *Salem, Ipswich, Piscataway,* and *Williamsburgh* afore said, to any Place not exceeding Sixty *English* Miles, and thence back again —

Single, Four-pence.
Double, Eight-pence.
Treble, One shilling.
Ounce, One shilling four-pence.

All Letters and Packets from the chief Offices in *Salem, Ipswich, Piscataway,* and *Williamsburgh* afore said, to any Place not

Single, Sixpence.
Double One shilling.
Treble, One shilling sixpence.

not exceeding One hundred *English* Miles, and thence back again —

All Letters and Packets from *New York* aforesaid, to *Charles-town*, the chief Town in *North* and *South Carolina*, and from *Charles-town* aforesaid to *New York* —

Ounce, Two shillings.

Single, One shilling sixpence.

Double, Three shillings.

Treble, Four shillings sixpence.

Ounce, Six shillings.

All Letters and Packets from *Charles-town* aforesaid, to any Place not exceeding Sixty *English* Miles, and thence back again —

Single, Four-pence.

Double, Eight-pence.

Treble, One shilling.

Ounce, One shilling four-pence.

Single, Sixpence.

Double, One shilling.

Treble, One shilling sixpence.

Ounce, Two shillings.

All Letters and Packets from *Charles-town* aforesaid, to any Place not exceeding One hundred *English* Miles, and thence back again —

Single, Sixpence.

Double, One shilling.

Treble, One shilling sixpence.

Ounce, Two shillings.

Places where Posts are not yet settled, to pay according to these Rates.

VII. And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That such Postmaster General so to be appointed as aforesaid, shall and may receive and take, according to the same Rates and Proportions for the Port of Letters, Packets, and Parcels, to or from any of the Parts or Places beyond the Seas, where Posts have not been heretofore

tofore settled, and may hereafter be settled by such Postmaster General for the Time being.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That all Letters and Packets directed to, or coming from any of the Foreign Parts or Places aforesaid, and collected or delivered at any Part or Place between *London* and any of the Ports from whence any of Her Majesty's Packet Boats shall at any Time hereafter sail, or at which they shall or may arrive with the Foreign Mails, do pay the same Rates as if the same were conveyed in the said Mails to or from *London*.

IX. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That such Postmaster General shall be at Liberty to keep and maintain Packet Boats to go weekly (Wind and Weather permitting) to and from *Donachadee*, or some other convenient Port in *Ireland*, to *Port Patrick*, or some other convenient Port in that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*, for Conveyance of Letters and Packets for the Conveniency of Trade and Commerce between the said Kingdoms, paying over and above the Inland Rates hereby rated and appointed

Foreign Letters collected, &c. between *London* and the Port whence the Packet Boat sails, to pay as to or from *London*.

Packet Boats to go from *Donachadee* to *Port Patrick*.

Repealed by Stat. 5 Geo. 3. c. 25. s. 8. as to the Rates being paid where the Letters are delivered.

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to be received for such Letters and Packets, at the Place where such Letter or Letters are delivered in to be sent by such Packet Boats, according to the Rates following; (that is to say), For every such Single Letter Two-pence, Double Four-pence, Treble Sixpence, Ounce Eight-pence.

X. And forasmuch as it may be convenient to erect some Cross Stages for the better maintaining of Trade and Commerce, and mutual Correspondencies, and to settle the Rates for all By or Way Letters and Packets conveyed by Post in any of the said Kingdoms; be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforefaid, That from and after the said First Day of June One thousand seven hundred and eleven, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Postmaster General for the Time being, so constituted as aforefaid, to erect and set up Cross Stages to and from any Place or Places whatsoever, and thereupon such Postmaster General, and his Deputy and Deputies by him thereunto sufficiently authorized, shall and may lawfully demand, have, receive, and take, for the Postage and Conveyance, as well of all such Letters and

Foreign Letters
are collected
at the
London and the
Port whence
the Packet
Boat sails, to
pay on to or
from London.

Postmaster to
erect Cross
Stages, &c.

Repealed by
2nd Geo.
3rd c. 11.
in 1763
under the Act
that was made
therein.

Packets which he or they shall so convey, carry, or send Post as aforesaid, in any such Cross Stages, as for all By or Way Letters and Packets, the same Rates in proportion to the Distances of the Places to which they shall be directed from the Places at which they shall be put in, as Letters and Packets conveyed and re-conveyed to and from *London* are rated to pay.

XI. And for the better reducing all Miles in both the said Kingdoms throughout all the Post Roads within One hundred Miles Distance from the said Chief Offices, and in the Cross Roads now settled, or hereafter to be settled, to One and the same Measure and Standard; and for preventing Disputes touching the same, be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for such Person and Persons as the Postmaster General for the Time being shall appoint, to measure, or cause to be measured by the Wheel, all Roads, except such Roads where Stages are already settled; and that such Person or Persons so to be authorized, shall cause fair Surveys or Books to be made for each of the said

A Survey to be taken of the Distances of the Roads.

Further Regulations by Stat.
5 *Gec.* 3. c.
25. s. 9 & 10.

saïd Kingdoms; One of each whereof to be left with Her Majesty's Postmaster General in *London*; another of each to be left at the Chief Post Office in *Edinburgh*, with the Postmaster General's Deputy there; another of each to be left at the Chief Post Office in *Dublin*, with the Postmaster General's Deputy there, to remain in the saïd Post Offices; and each of which saïd Books shall be signed by such Person or Persons making the same, and by the Postmaster General for the Time being, and his Deputies, in such General Offices in each Kingdom, and the Comptrollers and Surveyors belonging or to belong to the saïd General Post Offices in *London*, *Edinburgh*, and *Dublin*; which Books or Surveys shall ascertain and determine the Distances on all the saïd Roads.

Surveyor to
be sworn.

XII. Provided always, That such Person or Persons who shall be authorized to measure the saïd Distances, and every of them, shall be sworn to perform the same according to the best of their Skill and Judgment; which Oath shall and may be administered by any of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in the saïd Kingdoms respectively, who shall make a Certificate thereof

in Writing, to be entered in the Three General Post Offices aforesaid, without Fee or Charge.

XIII. Provided always, That all Merchants Accounts, not exceeding One Sheet of Paper, and all Bills of Exchange, Invoices, and Bills of Lading, are and shall hereby be understood to be allowed without Rate in the Price of the Letters; and likewise the Covers of Letters, not exceeding One Fourth Part of a Sheet of Paper, sent by the Way of *Vienna, Mar-seilles, Venice, or Leghorne*, to be sent to or from *Turkey*, shall be understood to be allowed to pass without Rate or Payment for the same.

XIV. And in regard the said Postmaster General and his Deputies are obliged, as well for performing the Duties of the several Stages of *Great Britain and Ireland*, as for furnishing such as ride Post with Horses and Furniture, to be at great Charge to maintain a convenient Number of Servants, Horses, and Furniture; be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for such Postmaster General, and his Deputy and Deputies,

Proviso for Merchants.

By Stat. 6
Geo. 1. c. 21.
s. 52. this
Proviso is con-
fined to Mer-
chants Ac-
counts, &c.
sent to or from
Places beyond
the Seas, not
within the
King's Domi-
nions.

Rates for riding Post.

Deputies, to ask, demand, take, and receive of every Person, that he or they shall furnish and provide with Horses and Furniture, or with Horses, Furniture, and Guide, to ride Post in any of the Post Roads as aforesaid, Three-pence of *British* Money for each and every Horse-hire or Postage for every *English* Mile, and Four-pence of like Money for the Person riding as Guide for every Stage; and the Deputy or Deputies of such Postmaster General shall not charge any Person riding Post, for the carrying of any Bundle or Parcel of Goods, carried along with them in their Way of Travel, so as any such Bundle or Parcel of Goods do not exceed the Weight of Eighty Pounds *Averdupoize*, to be laid on the Horse rid by the Guide; and no Deputy shall be obliged to carry above that Weight for any Person riding Post.

By Stat. 5 Geo.
3. c. 25. s. 3
and 4. further
Regulations are
established re-
specting Ship
Letters.

XV. And whereas, upon the Arrival of Ships from Parts beyond the Seas, into several Ports within Her Majesty's Dominions, many Letters directed to several Merchants and others, have been either imbezilled or long detained, to the great Damage of the Merchants and others, to whom

whom the same were directed, in want of that speedy Advice and Intelligence which they might have had, if the same had been forthwith dispatched by the settled Posts, and sometimes such Letters have been delivered by the Masters or Passengers of such Ships, to ignorant and loose Hands, that understand not the Ways and Means of speedy Conveyance and Delivery of Letters, whereby great Prejudice hath accrued to the Affairs of Merchants and others, as well by the Miscarriage of many Letters so brought, as oftentimes by the Opening the same, to the Discovery of the Correspondency and Secrets of the Merchants; be it therefore further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Letters and Packets, that by any Master of any Ship or Vessel, or any of his Company, or any Passengers therein, shall or may be brought to any Port Town, or which shall arrive or touch at any Port belonging to any Port Town within any Her Majesty's Dominions, or any the Members thereof, or which shall be on Board any Ship or Vessel, that shall or do touch or stay at any such Port Town (other than such Letters as are before excepted), or

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At Port
Towns Deputy
Postmaster
to receive all
Letters from
on Board
Ships, &c.

may be sent by common known Carriers in Manner aforesaid, or by a Friend as aforesaid, shall by such Master, Passenger, or other Person or Persons, be forthwith delivered unto the Deputy or Deputies only of such Postmaster General for the Time being, by him appointed for such Place or Port Town, and to be by such Deputy or Deputies sent Post unto the said General Post Office, to be delivered according to the several and respective Directions of the same, upon Pain of forfeiting the Sum of Five Pounds of *British* Money, for every several Offence against the Tenor of this present Act.

And to give
the Bringer a
Penny a Letter,
&c.

XVI. And for the Encouragement of all such Masters of Ships or Vessels, or such other Persons, on their Arrival at such Ports as aforesaid, from any Parts beyond the Seas, to deliver unto the Deputy or Deputies of such Postmaster General, for such Place or Port Town at which they shall so touch or arrive, all such Letters and Packets as they shall respectively have on Board such Vessel or Vessels, every such Master, or other Person, for every Letter, or Packet of Letters, he or they shall so deliver unto such Deputy or Deputies,

puties, shall receive the Sum of One Penny of such Deputy or Deputies, he or they signing a Certificate of the Number of Letters delivered, and by what Vessel they came, and of the Time when he or they delivered the same to such Deputy or Deputies, and giving a Receipt for such Number of Pence as he or they shall receive of such Deputy or Deputies; which Certificate and Receipt shall be by such Deputy, by the next Post, returned to the said Postmaster General, together with the Letters so delivered, who shall have Credit on his Account for so much Money as any such Deputy shall pay on that Account.

XVII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Person or Persons whatsoever, or Body Politick or Corporate, in any Part of these Kingdoms of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, or other Her Majesty's Plantations and Colonies in the *West Indies* and *America*, other than such Postmaster General as shall, from Time to Time, be nominated and appointed by Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, and constituted by Letters Patents under the Great Seal of *Great Britain*, as afore-

None to carry Letters, &c. but the Postmaster General, or his Deputies;

said, and his Deputy and Deputies, or Assigns, shall presume to receive, take up, order, dispatch, convey, carry, recarry, or deliver any Letter or Letters, Packet or Packets of Letters (other than as before excepted), or make any Collection of Letters, or set up or employ any Foot Post, Horse Post, or Packet Boat, or other Vessel or Boat, or other Person or Persons, Conveyance or Conveyances whatsoever, for the receiving, taking up, ordering, dispatching, conveying, carrying, recarrying, or delivering any Letter or Letters, Packet or Packets of Letters, by Sea or by Land, or on any River within Her Majesty's Dominions, or by Means whereof any Letter or Letters, Packet or Packets of Letters, shall be collected, received, taken up, ordered, dispatched, conveyed, carried, recarried, or delivered, by Sea or Land, or on any River within Her Majesty's Dominions (other than as before excepted), or shall presume to keep, provide, and maintain Horses or Furniture for the horsing of any Person or Persons riding Post; that is to say, riding several Stages upon a Post Road, and changing Horses, or shall let to hire, or furnish any Person or Persons whatsoever with Horses

or provide
Horses for
riding Post.

By Stat. 20
Geo. 3. c. 51.
s. 57. so much
of this Clause
as prohibits
any other Per-

or Furniture for riding Post, as aforesaid, on any of the Post Roads or Stages now or hereafter to be appointed, with or without a Guide or Horn, for Hire or Reward, or on any Agreement or Promise of Reward, or whereby he or they may have any Profit or Advantage, on Pain of forfeiting the Sum of Five Pounds of *British* Money for every several Offence against the Tenor of this present Act; and also of the Sum of One hundred Pounds of like *British* Money for every Week that any Offender against this Act shall collect, receive, take up, order, dispatch, convey, carry, recarry, or deliver any Letter or Letters, Packet or Packets of Letters, by Sea or Land, or on any River within Her Majesty's Dominions (other than as before excepted), or that shall presume to set up, continue, or employ any Foot Post, Horse Post, or Packet Boat, or other Vessel or Boat, or any other Person or Persons, Conveyance or Conveyances whatsoever, for the receiving, taking up, ordering, dispatching, conveying, carrying, recarrying, or delivering of any Letter or Letters, Packet or Packets of Letters, by Sea or

son than the Postmaster General to let Horses to hire for riding Post, is repealed.

Penalty.

Deputy Post-
master to ac-
count for By
or Way Let-
ters.

Land, or on any River within Her Majesty's Dominions, as aforesaid.

XVIII. And whereas divers Deputy Postmasters do collect great Quantities of Post Letters called *By* or *Way Letters*, and by clandestine and private Agreements amongst themselves, do convey the same Post in their respective Mails, or By Bags, according to their several Directions, without accounting for the same, or endorsing the same on their Bills, to the great Detriment of Her Majesty's Revenues: For preventing whereof for the Time to come, be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if at any Time hereafter, any Person or Persons employed as a Deputy Postmaster, or otherwise, in these Kingdoms of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, or in any of Her Majesty's Dominions and Territories in the *West Indies*, or in *North America*, shall not duly answer and account to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, for all such By or Way Letters as such Deputy or Deputies, or any by his, her, or their Order shall receive the Port for, or that shall not on his or her Post Bills exactly mention all the By or Way Letters he, she, or they shall or do receive, or
which

which shall come to his, her, or their Hand or Hands, Custody or Power, distinguishing them severally, whether Single, Double, Treble, or Ounce Weight, or that shall destroy or imbezil any such By Letter or By Letters, Packet or Packets of Letters, every such Person so offending shall forfeit and pay, for every such Offence, such Penalties and Forfeitures as the Persons herein before prohibited, setting up or employing other Posts, or collecting, carrying, recarrying, ordering, dispatching, or delivering Letters and Packets, contrary hereunto, are enacted to forfeit and pay.

XIX. And it is hereby enacted, That all and singular the said several Penalties and Forfeitures by this Act imposed on any Offender or Offenders against the same, or any Part thereof, shall and may be sued for and recovered by Action or Actions of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of Her Majesty's Courts of Record, wherein no Essoin, Privilege, Protection, or Wager at Law, shall be admitted; and the said several and respective Penalties and Forfeitures, that shall happen from Time to Time to be recovered, shall be

Penalties how to be recovered.

and remain, the One Moiety thereof to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, and the other Moiety thereof to such Person or Persons who shall or will inform against the Offender or Offenders against this present Act, and shall and will sue for the said Penalties and Forfeitures upon the same; and on every such Recovery, such Person or Persons so informing, and prosecuting for the said Penalties and Forfeitures, shall recover, and have also taxed and paid their full Costs of Suit.

**Proviso when
Postmaster
doth not fur-
nish Horses in
One Half
Hour.**

*Virtually re-
pealed by Stat.
20 Geo. 3. c.
51. s. 57.*

XX. Provided always, That if any Postmaster of any respective Stages on any Post Roads, in any Her Majesty's Dominions, now settled, or hereafter to be settled, doth not or cannot furnish any Person or Persons riding in Post, with sufficient Horses within the Space of One Half Hour after Demand, that then such Person or Persons is and are hereby understood to be left at Liberty to provide themselves as conveniently as they can to the next Stage, and so at every Stage where he or they shall not be furnished, as aforesaid; and the Person or Persons who shall furnish such Horses shall not therefore be liable

to

to any Penalties or Forfeitures contained in this Act, by reason thereof.

XXI. Provided always, That if through Default or Neglect of the Postmaster General, or his Deputy for the Time being, any Person or Persons riding in Post shall fail, as aforesaid, of being furnished with a sufficient Horse or Horses, for his or their Use, after Demand as aforesaid, that then, and in every such Case, the Postmaster General, or his Deputy, so offending, shall forfeit the Sum of Five Pounds Sterling, the one Moiety to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, and the other Moiety to him or them who shall sue for the same in any Court of Record, to be recovered and divided as aforesaid.

XXII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained shall be understood to prohibit the carrying or recarrying of any Letters or Packets, to or from any Town or Place, to or from the next respective Post Road or Stage appointed for that Purpose, above Six Miles from the said General Post Office, or the chief Offices of *Edinburgh* and *Dublin*, but that every Person

Penalty on Postmaster not providing.

Virtually repealed by the same Statute.

Letters may be sent from any Place, to the next Stage above 6 Miles from the General Office.

son shall have free Liberty to send and employ such Person or Persons as they shall think fit for to carry the said Letters or Packets as aforesaid, without any Forfeiture or Penalty therefore; any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

None may collect Letters in London, &c. without Licence, &c.

XXIII. Provided always nevertheless, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to extend to give Licence to any Person or Persons, whatsoever, to make Collection of Letters in or near the City of *London*, or Suburbs thereof, under Pretence of conveying the same to any Parts or Places in the said City or Suburbs, or to the General Office of the said City, without the Licence and Leave of the Postmaster General for the Time being; and any Person or Persons acting contrary hereunto, shall forfeit and pay as Persons collecting, receiving, carrying, recarrying, and delivering Letters contrary to this Act, are hereby enacted to forfeit and pay, to be recovered as aforesaid, and with full Costs of Suit.

The Packet not to be carried out of *Great Britain* in foreign ships.

XXIV. Provided always, That if the Packet or Mail shall be carried out of *Great Britain*, into any Part or Place beyond

yond the Seas, in any Ship or Vessel which is not a free Ship, and navigated with such Seamen, as by the Laws of this Land the same are required to be, that then, and in every such Case, the Postmaster General for the Time being shall forfeit the Sum of One hundred Pounds Sterling, the one Moiety to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, and the other Moiety to him or them who shall sue for the same in any Court of Record, to be recovered by Bill, Complaint, or other Information, wherein no Effoin, Protection, or Wager at Law, shall be allowed.

XXV. Provided always, and be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That such Postmaster General, and all Officers and Deputies acting under him, and all Officers belonging to the said General Post Office, within that Part of the said United Kingdom called *England*, receiving the Sacrament according to the Usage of the Church of *England*, and taking, making, and subscribing the Test, and the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and Abjuration, appointed by any of the Laws of the said Part of the said United Kingdom, to be taken, made, and subscribed by Officers

Postmaster,
&c. how to
qualify him-
self.

fficers in publick Places of Trust in the Government, and within such Times, and in such Places, as are particularly appointed by any of those Laws for doing the same, shall be deemed and taken to be sufficiently qualified to act in their respective Stations and Duties, and to execute their respective Employments throughout the said whole United Kingdom, and all other Her Majesty's Dominions, and shall not incur any Penalties, Forfeitures, or Disabilities, for not taking the Oaths of Allegiance and Abjuration, and subscribing the Assurance appointed by any the Laws of that Part of the said United Kingdom called *Scotland*, or by any Law or Laws of the said United Kingdom of *Great Britain*, to be taken and made by any Person in publick Trust, notwithstanding such Postmaster General, and such Deputies and Officers shall exercise their respective Offices or Employments within all and every the Parts and Places of that Part of the said United Kingdom called *Scotland*; and all Deputies and Agents acting under such Postmaster General, within that Part of the said United Kingdom called *Scotland*, taking
and

and making the Oaths of Allegiance and Abjuration, and subscribing the same, with the Assurance appointed by any of the Laws of the said Part of the said United Kingdom called *Scotland*, or by any Law or Laws of the said United Kingdom of *Great Britain*, to be taken and made by any Person in publick Trust, and within such Times, and at such Places, as are particularly appointed by any of those Laws for doing the same, shall be deemed and taken to be sufficiently qualified to execute and exercise their respective Employments in the said Office, throughout the said whole United Kingdom, and all other Her Majesty's Dominions; any Act or Acts of Parliament, in either of the said United Kingdoms, at any Time heretofore made to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

XXVI. Provided also, and be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That a Letter, or Packet Post, shall Twice every Week come by the Way of *Truro* and *Penryn* to the Town of *Penzance*, in the County of *Cornwall*; and once a Week to *Kendall*, by the Way of *Lancaster*; and to the Town of *Penrith* in *Cumberland*, by the Way

Proviso for
Truro, *Penryn*, *Kendall*,
Penrith, &c.

Way of *Newcastle* and *Carlisle*; and to the City of *Lincoln* and the Borough of *Grimby*, in the County of *Lincoln*; any Thing in this Act contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

The Postmaster to observe such Orders as Her Majesty shall make.

XXVII. And for the better Management of the said Post Office, and that the People of these Kingdoms may have their Intercourse of Commerce and Trade the better maintained, and their Letters and Advices conveyed, carried, and recarried, with the greatest Speed, Security, and Conveniency that may be; be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Postmaster General so nominated, appointed, and constituted as aforesaid, and his Deputies, shall from Time to Time observe and follow such Orders, Rules, Directions, and Instructions for and concerning the Settlement of Posts and Stages upon the several Roads in *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, and other Her Majesty's Dominions, and the providing and keeping a sufficient Number of Horses at the said several Stages, as well for the carrying and conveying the said Letters and Packets, as for the Horfing of all Persons riding in Post by Warrant or

otherwise,

otherwise, as aforesaid, as Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, shall from Time to Time, in that Behalf, make and ordain.

XXVIII. Provided always, and be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Person or Persons shall have Power to take, use, or seize any Horses for the Services mentioned in this Act, without the Consent of the Owner or Owners thereof; any Law, Statute, Usage, or Custom to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

No Horses to be seized without the Owners Consent.

XXIX. And forasmuch as the Post must necessarily pass several Ferries in *North America*, in which the Ferrymen give great Delays, and sometimes have endeavoured to exact Money from them, notwithstanding the same have always been free for the Post; be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Deputy or Agent of such Postmaster General, travelling with any Mail of Letters, shall pay any Thing for passing or repassing any Ferry within any of the Colonies or Plantations of Her said Majesty in *North America* aforesaid; but such Ferrymen shall forthwith, within One Half

Post to pay nothing for passing Ferries in *North America*.

Half Hour after Demand, convey such Deputies, on pain of forfeiting for every Offence the Sum of Five Pounds, to be recovered in any Court of Record within any of the Provinces or Colonies in *North America*, by Bill, Complaint, or Information, wherein no Effoin, Protection, or Wager of Law, shall be allowed; one Moiety thereof to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, towards the Support of the Government of the said Provinces, and the contingent Charges thereof, and the other Moiety to the Postmaster General, who shall sue and prosecute for the same, together with full Costs of Suit.

Debts for Postage to be recovered as small Tythes are.

Vide Stat. 7 & 8 W. 3. c. 6.

XXX. And whereas many Persons having received their Letters, refuse to pay for the same, or often run in Debt for the Postage of their Letters, or having received some small Sum for the Port of Letters, which Sums being very small in Particulars, are properly to be recovered in a summary Way; be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Sum and Sums of Money, not exceeding Five Pounds, that now is, or shall be due from any Person or Persons for Letters or Packets, or any Letter or Packet

to them delivered by any Deputy or Deputies of such Postmaster General, or which now is, or shall be due from any Person or Persons for the Port of Letters or Packets to them delivered by any Deputy or Agent of such Postmaster General, not exceeding the said Value, or which have been, or shall be received for the Port of Letters, not exceeding the same Value without answering or paying the Monies so due and owing to the Receiver General of the said Revenues for Her Majesty's Use, shall be recovered before Justices of the Peace, in the same Manner, and under the same Rules, as small Tythes are, by the Laws of *England*, to be recovered; and such Debt or Sums of Money shall be preferable in Payment by the Person owing the same, or from whose Estate the same is or shall be due, before any Debt of any Sort to any private Person whomsoever.

XXXI. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Inland Letters sent by any Packet Post established by this Act, as aforesaid, do and shall pay the Rates and Prices before mentioned at such Stages at which they are last delivered

Inland Letters
to pay where
delivered.

By Stat. 5.
Geo. 3. Cap.
25. Sect. 10.
the Postmaster
General may
cause the Post-
age of Letters
sent out of

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Great Britain,
to be paid upon
being put into
any Post Office
within the
Kingdom.

vered only, unless the Party that doth put in the Letters desireth to pay elsewhere, and unless any such Letters are directed on Board any Ship or Vessel, or to any Person in the Army, or are sent by the Penny Post, and unless they be Letters or Packets going out of *Great Britain*, which have usually paid the Rates in *England*; any Thing in this Act contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

Proviso for the
Two Universities.

XXXII. Provided always, That this Act, or any Thing therein contained, shall not in any wise be prejudicial to the Privileges of the Two Universities of *Oxford* and *Cambridge*, or either of them, or to the Chancellors or Scholars of the same, or their Successors, but that they may use and enjoy such Privileges as heretofore they have lawfully used and enjoyed; and that all Letters and other Things may be sent or conveyed to or from the said Two Universities in Manner as heretofore hath been used; any Thing herein to the contrary notwithstanding.

By Bags for
By Letters.

XXXIII. Provided always, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Postmaster General for the Time being, his Deputy

Deputy and Deputies, to continue By Bags for collecting and delivering of By Letters, as hath been heretofore accustomed, such Deputy and Deputies duly accounting to, and paying the respective Parts thereof to the Receiver General of the said Revenue for the Time being, for the Use of Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors.

XXXIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every Sum and Sums of Money which shall or may be due and owing to Her Majesty on the said First Day of *June* One thousand seven hundred and eleven, for the Duties and Revenues that have arisen, or shall or may arise to that Time by Posts, or by Reason of the Duties and Revenues granted by either of the said former Acts, shall be paid to the Receiver General of the said Revenue for Her Majesty's Use, and be recovered and recoverable in such Manner, and by such Ways and Means as the same were recoverable before the making of this present Act; any Thing herein contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

XXXV. And towards the Establishment

Sums due on
1 *June*, 1711,
how recover-
able.

After 29 Sept.
1711, for 32
Years, 700 l.
to be paid
weekly into
the Exchequer
out of the Post
Office.

Made perpe-
tual by 3 Geo.
3. c. 7. s. 1.

of a good, sure, and lasting Fund, in order to raise a present Supply of Money for carrying on the War, and other Her Majesty's most necessary Occasions; be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That, from and after the Twenty-ninth Day of September, One thousand seven hundred and eleven, for and during the whole Term of Thirty-two Years from thence next and immediately ensuing, the full, clear, and entire weekly Sum of Seven hundred Pounds of lawful Money of Great Britain, out of all the Duties and Revenues from Time to Time arising by virtue of this Act, shall be brought and paid by the Postmaster General, the Receiver General of the Post Office, or such other Person or Persons who for the Time being shall have the Receipt of the said Duties and Revenues, who are hereby respectively enjoined and required to bring and pay the same accordingly into the Receipt of the Exchequer, upon Tuesday in every Week, if it be not a Holy-day; and if it be, then upon the next Day that is not a Holy-day, as one Week shall successively and immediately follow and succeed another; and in case in any Week or Weeks the whole Receipt of the

Monies

Monies of the said Duties or Revenues, hereby charged, as aforesaid, shall not be sufficient to answer the said weekly Payment or Payments, hereby directed for such particular Week or Weeks, that then and so often the Deficiency and Deficiencies thereof shall be supplied and made good out of the whole Receipt of the said Duties or Revenues arising in the next Week or Weeks, when the Receipt or Receipts shall be sufficient to bear the same; all which Payments into the Exchequer shall be made for the Purposes, and under the Penalties, Forfeitures, and Disabilities hereafter in this Act expressed.

XXXVI. And it is hereby further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Postmaster General for the Time being, at the Head Office in *London*, shall from Time to Time cause an Account to be kept by an Accountant General of all the Monies arising by virtue of this Act, of or for the Duties or Revenues aforesaid, and every or any of them, as the same shall from Time to Time arise, be paid or brought into the said Office, to the Hands of the Receiver General for the Time being, who is or shall be appointed

Accountant
General and
Receiver Ge-
neral's Duty.

from Time to Time to receive the same; and that such Receiver General for the Time being, shall, out of the Monies so arising, make the said weekly Payments into the Exchequer, in manner as aforesaid; and if the said Postmaster General for the Time being, shall refuse or neglect to appoint or keep such Accomptant General, or if such Accomptant General shall neglect to keep a just and true Account, as aforesaid, or if such Receiver General shall at any Time refuse or neglect to make any such weekly Payments, as aforesaid, into the Exchequer, according to the true Meaning of this Act, or if the said Postmaster General, Accountant General, and Receiver General, for the Time being, or any of them, or any other Officer of the said Duties, shall divert or misapply any of the Monies which should make good the said weekly Payments, or any of them, or any Part thereof, contrary to the Tenor and true Meaning of this Act, at any Time or Times, during the said Term of Thirty-two Years, then and in any such Case they and every of them so offending, shall forfeit their several Offices and Places, and be incapable

capable to serve the Queen, Her Heirs or Successors, in any Office or Place of Trust or Profit, and shall be liable, for every such Offence, to pay double the Value of the Money so diverted or misapplied to any Person or Persons who shall or may be grieved by Reason of such Offence, and will inform or sue for the same, by Action of Debt, or of the Case, Bill, Suit, or Information, in any of Her Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, wherein no Essoin, Protection, Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance, shall be granted or allowed.

XXXVII. And to the end the said weekly Sum of Seven hundred Pounds may be made a Fund or Security for the Purposes in this Act expressed; be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That there shall be provided and kept in the Office of the Auditor of the Receipt of the Exchequer, One Book, in which all the Monies which shall be paid in weekly, as aforesaid, for or upon Account of the said weekly Sums out of the said Duties, shall be entered apart and distinct from all other Monies which shall be brought and paid to the said Receipt upon any other Account whatsoever.

A Book to be kept in the Exchequer, for the weekly Payments.

Appropriation
of the 700 l. a
Week.

This Revenue
liable to all
Annuities,
Grants, &c.
charged upon
the former
Act.

XXXVIII. Provided always, and it is hereby enacted, That the said weekly Sum of Seven hundred Pounds for the Purposes aforesaid, shall from Time to Time, during all the said Term of Thirty-two Years, be paid into the Exchequer, as aforesaid, out of the whole Produce of the Duties and Revenues arising by virtue of this Act, with Preference to all other Payments which are, shall, or may be charged or chargeable thereupon, the necessary Charges for managing the said Post Office, and the Duties thereof, and for receiving, answering, and accounting for the Revenues arising thereby only excepted; and that the said Duties and Revenues arising by this Act (after Deduction, from Time to Time, to be first made of so much as shall be then due and incurred, or in Arrear of or for the said weekly Payments, at any Time within or during the Term aforesaid, and after the Allowance of such necessary Charges, as aforesaid, and not otherwise) shall from Time to Time be subject and liable to such Annuities, and other Payments and Incumbrances, which by any Act of Parliament now in Force were lawfully charged

charged upon the Revenues of the Post Office, or any of them, granted by the said former Acts hereby repealed, as aforesaid, or which having been charged by any Grant upon the said Revenues, have been saved by Act of Parliament, of and for such Estate and Estates in Possession, Reversion, or Remainder, and subject to such Conditions, Limitations, Restrictions, and Appointments, and in such or the like Manner and Form, (and not otherwise) as the said Revenues, payable by the said former Acts, or any of them, would have been subject or liable if this Act had not been made; any Thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

XXXIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That, from and after the First Day of *June* One thousand seven hundred forty and three, the same Rates and Prices only, and no more, shall be taken or paid for the Carriage, Conveyance, and Delivery of all Letters and Packets sent by the Post from one Part of *Great Britain* to another, as also for all Letters brought to *Great Britain*, or sent from thence from

or

After 1 *June*, 1743, the old Rates to be taken for Letters, &c.

By Stat. 3 Geo. c. 7. s. 1. the Rates granted by this Act are made perpetual.

or to any Parts beyond the Seas, than were authorized or allowed to be taken by the Postmaster General, or his Deputy or Deputies, for the Postage of such Letters, by the said several Acts hereby repealed.

No Letters to be opened, detained, or delayed.

XL. And whereas Abuses may be committed by wilfully opening, imbezilling, detaining, and delaying of Letters or Packets, to the great Discouragement of Trade, Commerce, and Correspondence; for Prevention thereof, be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That, from and after the said First Day of *June* One thousand seven hundred and eleven, no Person or Persons shall presume wittingly, willingly, or knowingly to open, detain, or delay, or cause, procure, permit, or suffer to be opened, detained, or delayed, any Letter or Letters, Packet or Packets, after the same is or shall be delivered into the General or other Post Office, or into the Hands of any Person or Persons employed for the receiving or carrying Post Letters, and before Delivery to the Persons to whom they are directed, or for their Use; except by an express Warrant in Writing under the Hand of One of the

the Principal Secretaries of State for every such Opening, Detaining or Delaying; or except in such Cases where the Party or Parties to whom such Letter or Letters, Packet or Packets, shall be directed, or who is or are hereby chargeable with the Payment of the Port or Ports thereof, shall refuse or neglect to pay the same; and except such Letters or Packets as shall be returned for want of true Directions, and where the Party to whom the same is or are directed cannot be found; and that every Person and Persons offending in manner aforesaid, or who shall imbezil any such Letter or Letters, Packet or Packets, shall, for every such Offence, forfeit the Sum of Twenty Pounds; the said Penalties for any such Offence committed in *England, Wales, or Berwick upon Tweed*, to be recovered by Action, Bill, Complaint, or Information, in any of Her Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*; and for any such Offence committed in that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*, to be recovered in the Court of Sessions or Exchequer there; such Penalties respectively to be recovered by such Person or Persons as will inform or sue for

Exception.

for the same, together with full Costs of Suit; and over and above such Penalty as aforesaid, every such Person or Persons so offending, as aforesaid, shall be for ever incapable of having, using, exercising, or enjoying any Office, Trust, or Employment in or relating to the Post Office, or any Branch thereof.

Postmaster,
&c. to be
sworn.

XLI. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Person or Persons shall, after the said First Day of *June* One thousand seven hundred and eleven, be capable of having, using, or exercising the Office or Offices of Postmaster General, or any Part thereof, or any other Employment relating to the Post Office, or any Branch thereof, or be any Way concerned in receiving, sorting, or delivering of Letters or Packets, unless such Person or Persons shall first have taken the following Oath before some One Justice of the Peace for the County or Place where such Person resides; which said Oath such Justice of Peace is hereby authorized to administer in the following Words :

I A. B.

The Oath.

I A. B. do swear, That I will not willingly, willingly, or knowingly open, detain, or delay, or cause, procure, permit, or suffer to be opened, detained, or delayed, any Letter or Letters, Packet or Packets, which shall come into my Hands, Power or Custody, by reason of my Employment in or relating to the Post Office; except by the Consent of the Person or Persons to whom the same is or shall be directed, or by an express Warrant in Writing under the Hand of One of the Printipal Secretaries of State for that Purpose; or except in such Cases where the Party or Parties to whom such Letter or Letters, Packet or Packets, shall be directed, or who is or are hereby chargeable with the Payment of the Port or Ports thereof, shall refuse or neglect to pay the same; and except such Letters or Packets as shall be returned for want of true Directions, or when the Party or Parties to whom the same is or shall be directed, cannot be found; and that I will not any way imbezil any such Letter or Letters, Packet or Packets, as aforesaid.

XLII. And it is further enacted and declared by the Authority aforesaid, That, from the said First Day of June, in the Year

One Third of the Surplus, over and above 111,461 l. per Ann. and 700 l. per Week, dis-

posible by
Parliament.

Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and eleven, One Third Part of the Surplus of the yearly Produce arising by the said Letter or Post Office, or Duties upon Postage of Letters and Packets by this Act granted, over and above the Sum of One hundred and eleven thousand four hundred sixty-one Pounds, Seventeen Shillings and Ten-pence, which was the Amount of the Gross Receipt of the Duties arising by virtue of the said former Acts of Parliament (which are now repealed), for One Year ended the Nine and twentieth Day of *September*, in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ten, and over and above the said Sum of Seven hundred Pounds *per* Week, shall be, and is by this Act reserved to the Disposal of Parliament, for the Use of the Publick, and shall not be divertible or diverted to any other Use, Intent, or Purpose, other than according to such Disposal.

XLIII. And to the Intent the Inheritance of such Part of the said Duties and Revenue arising in and by the said General Letter Office or Post Office, which is hereby vested in Her Majesty, Her Heirs and

and Successors, undeterminable as aforesaid, may be preserved in the Crown, for the future Benefit thereof; be it further enacted and declared by the Authority aforesaid, That the same, or any Part thereof, shall not hereafter be alienable, chargeable, or grantable by Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, for any Estate, Term, or Time whatsoever, to endure longer than the Life of Her Majesty, or of such King or Queen as shall make such Alienation, Charge, or Grant respectively; and that all Gifts, Grants, Alienations and Assurances whatsoever to be had, or made of, and Charges upon the said Duties or Revenue, or any Part thereof, contrary to the Provision of this Act, shall be null and void, without any Inquisition, *Scire facias*, or other Proceeding to determine or make void the same.

This Revenue
not alienable,
&c.

XLIV. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Postmaster or Postmaster General, or his or their Deputy or Deputies, or any Person employed by or under him or them, in the receiving, collecting or managing the Revenue of the Post Office, or any Part thereof,

No Officer of
the Post Office
to intermeddle
in Elections.

thereof, shall by Word, Message or Writing, or in any other Manner whatsoever, endeavour to persuade any Elector to give, or dissuade any Elector from giving his Vote for the Choice of any Person to be a Knight of the Shire, Citizen, Burgeſs or Baron of any County, City, Borough or Cinque Port, to serve in Parliament; and every Officer or other Person offending therein shall forfeit the Sum of One hundred Pounds, One Moiety thereof to the Informer, the other Moiety to the Poor of the Parish where such Offence shall be committed, to be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, in any of Her Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, or in the Court of Exchequer in *Scotland*, for the said Offences committed in *England* and *Scotland* respectively, wherein no Effoin, Protection, or Wager of Law, or any more than One Imparlance, shall be allowed; and every Person convicted on any such Suit of the said Offence, shall thereby become disabled and incapable of ever bearing or executing any Office or Place of Trust whatsoever under Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors.

ANNO REGNI
GEORGI Regis

Magnæ Britanniae, Franciæ, & Hiberniæ,

S E X T O.

At the Parliament begun and holden at *Westminster*, the Seventeenth Day of *March*, Anno Domini 1714, in the First Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE, by the Grace of God, of *Great Britain, France, and Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. And from thence continued, by several Prorogations, to the Twenty-third Day of *November* 1719 ; being the Fifth Session of this present Parliament.



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Printed by CHARLES EYRE and ANDREW STRAHAN,
Printers to the King's most Excellent Majesty. 1793.

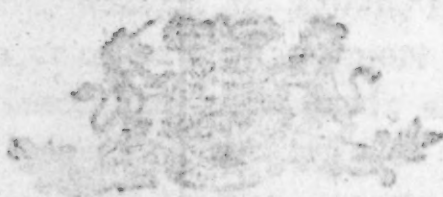
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GEORGII REGIS

FRANCIS & HARRIS

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At the Parliament begun and holden at Westminster,
the seventeenth day of March, Anno Domini
1775, in the 14th Year of the Reign of our
Sovereign Lord GEORGE, by the Grace of
God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland,
King, Defender of the Faith, &c. And from
thence continued, by several Proclamations, to the
present time, the 1st of November 1775; being the
14th Session of the present Parliament.



Printed by CHARLES EVANS and ANDREW STRAHAN,
Printers to the King, at the King's Arms, in Pall Mall, 1775.

ANNO SEXTO
GEORGI II Regis.

C A P. XXI.

*An Act for preventing Frauds and Abuses
in the Publick Revenues of Excise, Cus-
toms, Stamp Duties, Post Office, and
House Money.*

[So much thereof as relates to the Post Office.]

SECT.
LI.



ND whereas by an Act
made in the Ninth Year
of the Reign of Her
said late Majesty Queen
Anne, intituled, *An Act*

Bills of Ex-
change wrote
on the same
Piece of Paper
with a Letter,
to be rated as
so many di-
stinct Letters.

*for establishing a General Post Office for
all Her Majesty's Dominions, and for set-
tling a weekly Sum out of the Revenues
thereof for the Service of the War, and
other Her Majesty's Occasions; the Post-
master General is authorized to demand,
have, receive, and take, for Single Let-
ters, or Pieces of Paper, to and from the*

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General

General Post Office in London, to and from any Parts or Places of *Great Britain*, the Kingdom of *Ireland*, or other His Majesty's Dominions, certain Rates in the same Act mentioned, for the Post of every Single Letter or Piece of Paper: And whereas Bills of Exchange are frequently sent wrote on one and the same Piece of Paper with a Letter, and also several Letters to several and distinct Persons are sent wrote upon one and the same Piece of Paper; be it declared by the Authority aforesaid, That it was and is the Intent and Meaning of the same Act, that every such Bill, and every such Letter, should be rated, taxed, and paid for as so many several and distinct Letters, according to the Rates within the same Act mentioned; and be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the same shall be accordingly rated, taxed, and paid for as so many several and distinct Letters, according to the Rates within the same Act mentioned.

Merchants
Accounts,
Bills of Ex-
change, In-
voices, &c.
wrote on One
Sheet of Pa-
per, to extend

LII. And whereas by the same Act, it is, amongst other Things, provided, That all Merchants Accounts, not exceeding One Sheet of Paper, and all Bills of Exchange, Invoices, and Bills of Lading, are,

are, and shall be thereby understood to be allowed without Rate in the Price of the Letter: And whereas some Doubts have been made touching the said Clause and Proviso; be it therefore enacted and declared by the Authority aforesaid, That it was and is the Intent and Meaning of the Act last mentioned, and of these Presents, that the said Proviso and Allowance shall extend to such Merchants Accounts, Bills of Exchange, Invoices, and Bills of Lading only, as shall be sent to or from the said General Post Office in *London*, to or from any Parts or Places beyond the Seas, not within His Majesty's Dominions; and that all other Merchants Accounts, Bills of Exchange, Invoices, and Bills of Lading, shall be rated, taxed, and paid for as so many several Letters, according to the Rates in the same Act mentioned, and the true Intent and Meaning of these Presents.

only to such
Letters sent
to Foreign
Parts.

only to such
Letters sent
to Foreign
Princes

and shall be thereby understood to be
allowed without Rate in the Price of the
Letters. And whereas some Princes have
been made touching the said Clause and the
Effect of it is therefore ordered and de-
creed by the Authority of the said
new and is the intent and meaning of
the Act last mentioned, that of this Pro-
vision that the said Princes and Ambassadors
shall extend to such Merchants Accounts
Bills of Exchange, Invoices, and Bills of
Lading only as shall be sent to or from
the said Consular Office in London to
or from any Place of Port beyond the
Sea, nor within the Majesty's Dominions,
and amongst other Merchants Accounts
Bills of Exchange, Invoices, and Bills of
Lading shall be made, sent, and paid
for as is more fully declared according
to the Statute in this behalf mentioned,
and the said intent and meaning of this

ANNO REGNI
GEORGII II. Regis

Magnæ Britanniae, Franciæ, & Hiberniæ,

Q U A R T O.

At the Parliament begun and holden at *Westminster*, the Twenty-third Day of *January*, Anno Domini 1727, in the First Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *GEORGE* the Second, by the Grace of God, of *Great Britain, France, and Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, &c.

And from thence continued, by several Prorogations, to the Twenty-first Day of *January* 1730; being the Fourth Session of this present Parliament.



L O N D O N :

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GEORGE II. King

Magnus Britannicus, Franciscus S. H. Imperator

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And from these accounts by these witnesses,
on the Twenty-first day of January, 1891, at
the Court of the Queen's Bench, before the
Honourable the Lord Chief Justice, the
Honourable the Lord Justice of Appeal, and
the Honorable the Lord Justice of Appeal,
the Court has heard the evidence of the
witnesses, and has given judgment in the
case of the Queen v. the Defendants,
and has ordered that the Defendants be
fined the sum of £100,000, and that the
costs of the proceedings be paid by the
Defendants.



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... to the King's most Excellent Majesty: 1890.

ANNO QUARTO

GEORGI II. Regis.

CAP. XXXIII.

An Act for obviating a Doubt which hath arisen concerning the usual Allowance made upon the Delivery of Letters sent by the Penny Post to Places out of the Cities of London and Westminster, and Borough of Southwark, and the respective Suburbs thereof.



HEREAS upon the first Establishment of the Office called the *Penny Post Office*, the Carriage or Conveyance of the Letters by that Post was confined to the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, the Borough of *Southwark*, and the respective Suburbs thereof: And whereas, upon the Application of the Inhabitants of several Towns and Places within the Compass of Ten Miles round the City of *London*,

Preamble.

London, and upon their voluntary offer to allow and pay to the Messengers, or Persons carrying or transmitting such Letters, in Consideration of their being obliged to travel with an Horse to Places at that Distance, One Penny upon the Delivery of every Letter directed to any Person at any Place out of the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, and Borough of *Southwark*, and the respective Suburbs thereof, over and above the Penny paid upon putting every such Letter into the Penny Post Office in *London*, the Carriage and Conveyance of Letters and Pacquets by the said Post, commonly called the *Penny Post*, was extended Ten Miles round the City of *London*, and One Penny hath been constantly allowed to, and taken by such Messengers, on the Delivery of every Letter directed to any Person at any Place out of the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, the Borough of *Southwark*, and the respective Suburbs thereof, over and above the Penny paid upon putting such Letter into the Penny Post Office in *London*; and whereas, by reason of the Provisions contained in an Act of Parliament, made in the Ninth Year of the Reign of Her late Majesty Queen

Queen Anne, [intituled, *An Act for establishing a General Post Office for all Her Majesty's Dominions, and for settling a weekly Sum out of the Revenues thereof for the Service of the War, and other Her Majesty's Occasions*], some Doubts have lately arisen, whether the Messengers, or Persons carrying or transmitting such Letters, could lawfully receive and take the said Allowance of One Peny, upon the Delivery of every Letter, directed or delivered to or for any Person, at any Place out of the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, the Borough of *Southwark*, and the respective Suburbs thereof, over and above the Peny paid upon putting such Letter into the Peny Post Office in *London*: For obviating and taking away all such Doubts, be it declared and enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That nothing in the said Act of the Ninth Year of Her said late Majesty's Reign, shall or ought to be construed to extend to restrain or hinder any such Messenger, or Person carrying

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or transmitting Letters by the said Post, commonly called the *Peny Post*, from demanding or taking for every Letter originally sent by the *Peny Post*, and not first passing by the General Post, and from thence transmitted by the *Peny Post*, which hath been, or shall be delivered to or for any Person, at any Place out of the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, the Borough of *Southwark*, and the respective Suburbs thereof, One *Peny*, over and above the *Peny* paid upon putting every such Letter into the *Peny Post Office*, and that no such Messenger, or other Person, shall incur, or shall be deemed, adjudged, or taken to have incurred, or to incur, any Penalty or Forfeiture whatsoever, for demanding and taking for any such Letter, so delivered, or to be delivered, as aforesaid, One *Peny*, over and above the *Peny* paid upon putting such Letter into the *Peny Post Office*, or for detaining or delaying any such Letter, until such One *Peny* for any such Letter so delivered, or to be delivered as aforesaid, was or shall be paid; any Thing in the said Act, or in any other Law or Statute to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

ANNO REGNI
GEORGII II. Regis

Magnæ Britanniae, Franciæ, & Hiberniæ,

VICESIMO SEXTO.

At the Parliament begun and holden at *Westminster*,
the Tenth Day of *November*, Anno Domini 1747,
in the Twenty-first Year of the Reign of our
Sovereign Lord *GEORGE* the Second, by the
Grace of God, of *Great Britain, France, and*
Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. And
from thence continued, by several Prorogations,
to the Eleventh Day of *January* 1753; being
the Sixth Session of this present Parliament.



L O N D O N :

Printed by CHARLES EYRE and ANDREW STRAHAN,
Printers to the King's most Excellent Majesty. 1793.

GEORGE H. Regis

James Buchanan, Francis C. Johnson

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the 2nd Ball of the season 1747.
as the Eleventh Day of January 1747 being
in an incense continued by several Proclamations;
The King's Declaration of the 1st Dec. And
the 1st of Oct. of Great Britain France and
the Foreign Lord OF ARMS the 2nd by the
the Twenty first Law of the Reign of our
the 14th Day of January, and again 1747.
the 1st of June it began and holds the 1st of January.



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MAHANT'S WEDDING - The wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Mahant, Jr. and Mrs. Mahant, Jr. was held at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Mahant, Jr. on Sunday, June 10, 1912. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Mahant, Jr. and was attended by a large number of guests. The bride was Mrs. Mahant, Jr. and the groom was Mr. Mahant, Jr. The wedding was a very successful one and was enjoyed by all present.

ANNO VICESIMO SEXTO

GEORGII II. Regis.

C A P. XIII.

An Act for the more effectually preventing the fraudulent Removal of Tobacco by Land or Water, and for the Ease of the Fair Trader in Tobacco; and for ascertaining the Rates payable for the Portage of certain Letters; and for amending and explaining the Laws relating to the Sale of Spirituous Liquors by Retail.

[So much thereof as relates to the Post Office.]

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VII.



ND whereas by an Act made in the Ninth Year of the Reign of Her late Majesty Queen Anne, intituled,

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An Act for establishing a General Post Office for all Her Majesty's Dominions, and for settling a weekly Sum out of the Revenues thereof for the Service of the War,
and

and other Her Majesty's Occasions ; the Post Master General, and his Deputy and Deputies, is and are authorized to demand, have, receive, and take, for the Portage and Conveyance of every Single Letter or Piece of Paper sent to and from the General Post Office in *London*, to and from any Parts or Places in *Great Britain*, or the Kingdom of *Ireland*, certain Rates in the said Act mentioned : And whereas One or more Writ or Writs, or other Proceedings at Law, are frequently sent inclosed in a Letter, or wrote upon one and the same Piece of Paper with a Letter ; be it declared and enacted by the Authority aforefaid, That every fuch Writ, and every fuch Proceeding at Law, fhall be rated, taxed, and paid for as a feveral and diftinct Letter, according to the Rates mentioned in the faid Act.

*By Stat. 24
Geo. 3. c. 37.
no Letter under
One Ounce to
be charged
higher than a
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Every Writ,
&c. to pay as
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VIII. And whereas Patterns of Cloth, Silk, Stuff, and fmall Samples of other Sorts of Goods and other Things, not being Paper, are frequently sent inclosed in a Single Letter or Piece of Paper ; be it declared and enacted by the Authority aforefaid, That for every Single Letter or Cover containing One or more Paper or

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Papers with Patterns, or containing One or more Pattern or Patterns of Cloth, Silk, or Stuff, or One or more Sample or Samples of any other Sort of Goods, or One or more Piece or Pieces of any other Sort of Thing inclosed therein, or affixed thereto, though not Paper, if the same together do not weigh an Ounce Weight, the Rates payable by the said Act for a Double Letter shall be paid, and no more.

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Weight, to
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Double Letter.

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One Pound
If sent to
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be obliged

Papers with Patterns, or containing One
or more Pattern or Patterns of Cloth, Silk
or stuff, or One or more Sample or Sam-
ples of any other Sort of Goods, or One
or more Piece or Pieces of any other Sort
of Thing, inclosed therein, or affixed there-
to, though not Taper, of the same toge-
ther do not weigh an Ounce Weight, the
Rate payable by the said Act for a Pound
Letter shall be paid, and no more.

ANNO REGNI
GEORGII III. Regis
Magnæ Britanniae, Franciæ, & Hiberniæ,
Q U A R T O.

At the Parliament begun and holden at *Westminster*, the Nineteenth Day of *May Anno Domini* 1761, in the First Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *GEORGE* the Third, by the Grace of God, of *Great Britain, France, and Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, &c.

And from thence continued, by several Prorogations, to the Fifteenth Day of *November* 1763; being the Third Session of the Twelfth Parliament of *Great Britain*.



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GEORGII III. Regis

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QUARTO

At the Parliament begun and holden at Westminster
on the Nineteenth Day of May Anno Regni
1761, in the First Year of the Reign of our
Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Third by the
Grace of God, of Great Britain, France, and
Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c.

And from thence continued by several Proclamations
to the Fifthenth Day of November 1761 being the
Third Session of the Twelfth Parliament of Great Britain.



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Printed by CHARLES EYRE and ANDREW STRAHAN
Printers to the King's most Excellent Majesty. 1761.

ANNO QUARTO

GEORGI III. Regis.

C A P. XXIV.

*An Act for preventing Frauds and Abuses
in relation to the sending and receiving of
Letters and Packets free from the Duty
of Postage.*



HEREAS, under Colour of the Privilege of sending and receiving Post Letters by Members of Parliament, free from the Duty of Postage, many great and notorious Frauds have been and still are frequently practised, as well in Derogation of the Honour of Parliament, as to the Detriment of the Publick Revenue; divers Persons having presumed to counterfeit the Hand, and otherwise fraudulently to make use of the Names, of Members of Parliament, upon Letters and Packets to be sent by the Post, in order to avoid the Payment of the Duty of Post-

Preamble.

Further Regulations by

5 G. 3. c. 25.

9 G. 3. c. 35.

22 G. 3. c. 70.

23 G. 3. c. 69.

24 G. 3. *sess.* 1

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24 G. 3. *sess.* 2.

c. 8.

24 G. 3. c. 37.

26 G. 3. c. 63.

31 G. 3. c. 30.

age : And whereas the Allowance of sending and receiving Letters and Packets free from the Duty of Postage, heretofore granted to, or customarily exercised by, certain Persons not being Members of Parliament, in respect of their Offices, has not been sufficiently confined to such Letters and Packets only as relate to the Business of their respective Offices, and may therefore, if continued without further Restrictions and Limitations, be liable to great Abuse : In order, therefore, to put the more effectual Stop to these and the like Frauds and Abuses, and at the same Time to ascertain, for the better Guidance and Direction of His Majesty's Post-master General, and the Officers to be employed under him, in the Performance of their Duty, by what Persons only, and under what Regulations or Restrictions, the Privilege or Allowance of sending and receiving Letters and Packets free from the Duty of Postage shall thenceforth be enjoyed and exercised, may it please Your Majesty that it may be enacted ; and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons,

Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That, from and after the First Day of *May* One thousand seven hundred and sixty-four, so long as the Revenue arising in the General Letter Office or Post Office, or Office of Post-master General, shall continue to be carried to, and made Part of the Aggregate Fund, no Letters or Packets sent by the Post, to or from any Place whatsoever, shall be exempted from paying the Duty of Postage, according to the Rates established by the several Acts of Parliament now in Force; other than and except such Letters and Packets as are herein-after excepted, and in such Manner, and under such Restrictions, as are herein-after declared and enacted concerning the same; that is to say, Except all such Letters and Packets as shall be sent from or to the King's most Excellent Majesty; all Letters and Packets, not exceeding the Weight of Two Ounces, sent from and to any Places (within the Kingdoms of *Great Britain or Ireland*), during the Sitting of any Session of Parliament, or within Forty Days before or Forty Days after any Summons or Prorogation

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no Letters shall be exempted from Postage, except those sent from or to the King; and those not exceeding Two Ounces in Weight, sent during the Session or within 40 Days before

or after Summons or Prorogation, the Whole Superscription of which to be of a Member's Writing; or directed to a Member, at his usual Residence, or Place where he shall then be, or at the House, &c. of Parliament:

Like Regulations to be observed in Ireland.

of the same, which shall be signed, on the Outside thereof, by any Member of either of the Two Houses of Parliament of *Great Britain*, and whereof the Whole Superscription shall be of the Hand Writing of such Member, or which shall be directed to any Member of either House of the Parliament of *Great Britain*, at any of the Places of his usual Residence, or at the Place where he shall actually be at the Time of the Delivery thereof, or at the House of Parliament, or the Lobby of the House of Parliament of which he is a Member; all Letters and Packets, not exceeding the Weight of Two Ounces, sent from and to any Places within the Kingdom of *Ireland*, during the Sitting of any Session of Parliament of *Ireland*, or within Forty Days before or Forty Days after any Summons or Prorogation thereof, which shall be signed, on the Outside thereof, by any Member of either of the Two Houses of the Parliament of *Ireland*, and whereof the Whole Superscription shall be of the Hand Writing of such Member, or which being sent, during such Time as aforesaid, from any Part of *Great Britain* or *Ireland* to any Part of *Ireland*, shall

shall be directed to any Member of either House of the Parliament of *Ireland*, at any of the Places of his usual Residence, or at the Place where he shall actually be at the Time of the Delivery thereof, or at the House of Parliament, or the Lobby of the House of Parliament of which he is a Member; all Letters and Packets directed to the Lord High Treasurer, or Commissioners of the Treasury, or the Secretaries to the Treasury; to the Lord High Admiral, or Commissioners of the Admiralty, or the Secretaries of the Admiralty; to His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, or their Under Secretaries; to the Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, or their Secretary; to His Majesty's Secretary at War, or the Deputy Secretary at War; or to His Majesty's Lieutenant General, or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, and his or their Chief Secretary, his or their Secretary for the Provinces of *Ulster* and *Munster* in that Kingdom, his or their Secretary residing always in *Great Britain*, the Under Secretary and First Clerk in the Office in *Ireland* of the said Chief Secretary, the First Clerk in the Office in *Ireland* of the said Secretary for the Provinces

Letters to and from the Great Officers of State, and the other Persons herein mentioned, to be exempted also from Postage.

The Office called The Board of Trade and Plantations, was, by Stat. 22 G. 3. c. 84. abolished, and the Duty and Business done by the Commissioners thereof, was thereby authorized to be done by any Committee of His Majesty's Privy Council which His Majesty should direct.

On the 5th of March 1784, His Majesty

appointed a Committee for this Purpose, who signified to the Post-master General their Opinion, that the Privilege of franking Letters and Packets by the former Secretary of the Board of Trade should be vested in Stephen Cottrell Esq. and William Fawkener Esq. the acting Clerks of the Council; in which Opinion the Post-master General concurred, and Mr. Cottrell and Mr. Fawkener now frank in the same Manner as the Secretary to the Commissioners for Trade and Plantations formerly did.

vinces of *Ulster* and *Munster*; or to His Majesty's Post-master General, or to the Deputy of the Post-master General, for that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*, for the Kingdom of *Ireland*, or for His Majesty's Dominions in *America*, respectively; or to the Secretary of such Post-master General, or Deputy of the Post-master General, or to the Farmer of the Bye and Cross Road Letters, or to any of the Surveyors of the Post Office, all for the Time being; and all Letters and Packets sent from any of the said Officers for the Time being, which shall be signed, on the Outside thereof, by such Officer, and whereof the Whole Superscription shall likewise be of the Hand Writing of such Officer; and also except all Letters and Packets sent from the Treasury, the Admiralty Office, the Office of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, the Plantation Office, the War Office, or from the General Post Office at *London*, or from any of the Chief Offices at *Edinburgh*, at *Dublin*, or in *America*, and which shall appear, by an Indorsement made thereupon by some Person properly authorised as herein-after mentioned to make the same, to be upon His Majesty's Service, and

and shall be sealed with the Seal of the Office, or with the Seal of the Principal Officer in the Office or Department from which they are sent.

II. And, for more effectually preventing all such Frauds and Abuses as might otherwise be practised under colour of the Allowance hereby granted and continued, of sending Letters and Packets from the several Offices and Officers herein-before mentioned free from the Duty of Postage; be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for the Lord High Treasurer, or Commissioners of the Treasury, the Lord High Admiral, or Commissioners of the Admiralty, His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, the Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, His Majesty's Secretary at War, His Majesty's Postmaster General, and the Deputies of the Postmaster General herein-before mentioned, all for the Time being, to authorise and direct certain Persons in each of their Offices or Departments respectively, a List of whose Names shall be from Time to Time transmitted, by the Principal Officer or Officers authorising the same, to the General Post

Commissioners of the Treasury, &c. impowered to authorise certain Persons in their respective Offices to frank Letters upon the King's Service, and which concerns the Business of the Office.

Post Office in *London*, to make and subscribe an Indorsement upon each Letter or Packet which shall concern the publick Business of their respective Offices, signifying that such Letter or Packet is upon his Majesty's Service, and to seal the same with the Seal of such Office or Officer respectively; all which Persons are hereby strictly forbid so to indorse and seal any Letter or Packet whatsoever, unless such only concerning which they shall receive the special Direction of their superior Officer, or which they shall themselves know to concern the Business of their respective Offices; and if any Person employed in any of the said Offices shall knowingly make and subscribe such Indorsement, or procure the same to be made, upon any Letter or Packet which does not really concern the Business of the Office in respect of which he is authorised to make the same, he shall, for the First Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Pounds, to be recovered and applied in such Manner as, by the Act of the Ninth Year of the Reign of *Queen Anne* for establishing a General Post Office, is directed, with respect to the Penalties inflicted by the said Act;

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Act; and for the Second Offence, shall be dismissed from his Office.

III. Provided always, That the Number of Persons so to be appointed, in each of the Offices above mentioned, to make and subscribe such Indorsement as aforesaid, shall not exceed Two in any One Office or Department, except only in the Admiralty Office and the War Office; and that the Number so to be appointed in the Admiralty Office shall not exceed Eight in Time of Peace, or Twelve in Time of War; and that the Number so to be appointed in the War Office shall not exceed Six in Time of Peace, or Ten in Time of War.

Number of
Persons in
each Office to
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to frank.

IV. Provided also, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in case any Person intitled to send Letters or Packets free of the Duty of Postage, being by bodily Infirmary disabled from writing the Whole Supercription of such Letters or Packets, shall chuse to authorise and appoint some One Person, on his Behalf and in his Stead, to sign his Name upon, and write the Supercription of, such Letters and Packets, and shall cause Notice thereof in Writing, under his Hand

Privileged
Persons when
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Hand and Seal, to be transmitted to His Majesty's Postmaster General, all Letters and Packets so signed and superscribed by the Person so authorised and appointed, shall be allowed to pass free of the Duty of Postage, and shall, in all Respects, be proceeded with, as if the Whole Superscription had been of the Hand Writing of the Person by whom such Authority was given as aforesaid.

Printed Votes, Proceedings in Parliament, and News Papers, signed on the Outside by a Member, or directed to a Member, are to go free.

V. Provided always, and it is hereby further enacted, That nothing herein contained shall extend to charge with the Duty of Postage, any printed Votes, or Proceedings in Parliament, or printed News Papers, being sent without Covers, or in Covers open at the Sides, which shall be signed, on the Outside thereof, by the Hand of any Member of Parliament, in such Manner as hath been heretofore practised, or which shall be directed to any Member of Parliament, at any Place whereof he shall have given Notice in Writing to the Postmaster General, or to his Deputy at *Edinburgh*, or *Dublin* respectively, but that all such Votes, Proceedings, and News Papers, so sent and signed

or

or directed as aforesaid, shall be received free of the Duty of Postage; any Thing in this or any former Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

VI. And forasmuch as it hath been usual for the Clerks in the Offices of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and also for certain Officers in the Office of His Majesty's Postmaster General, to frank printed Votes, and Proceedings in Parliament, and Printed News Papers, to be sent by the Post; be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for such Clerks and Officers as aforesaid, being thereunto licensed by His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, or His Majesty's Postmaster General respectively, to continue to frank such printed Votes, and Proceedings in Parliament, and printed News Papers, in such Manner as they have heretofore been accustomed to frank the same; provided that such printed Votes, Proceedings, and News Papers, shall be sent without Covers, or in Covers open at the Sides.

Clerks in the Secretaries of State's and Post Offices may send Votes, &c. free of Postage.

VII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may

Postmaster General, &c. may search Packets, and

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charge for any
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unprivileged
Papers.

be lawful for His Majesty's Postmaster General, or any of the Officers employed under him, to examine and search any Packet sent without a Cover, or in a Cover open at the Sides, in order to discover whether any other Paper or Thing whatsoever be inclosed or concealed in or with such printed Paper, as is hereby permitted to be sent free of Postage without a Cover, or in a Cover open at the Sides; and in case any such other Paper or Thing whatsoever shall be found to be inclosed or concealed in or with such printed Paper as aforesaid, or in case there shall be any Writing, other than the Superscription upon such printed Paper, or upon the Cover thereof, the whole of such Packet shall be charged with the Duty of Postage, according to the Rates established by the several Acts of Parliament now in Force for that Purpose.

Persons counterfeiting
Superscriptions of Letters to be transported for 7 Years.

VIII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person shall, after the First Day of June One thousand seven hundred and sixty-four, counterfeit the Hand Writing of any Person whatsoever, in the Superscription of any

any Letter or Packet to be sent by the Post, in order to avoid the Payment of the Duty of Postage, every Person, so offending, shall be deemed guilty of Felony, and shall be transported for Seven Years.

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ANNO REGNI
GEORGII III. Regis
Magnæ Britanniae, Franciæ, & Hiberniæ,
Q U I N T O.

At the Parliament begun and holden at *Westminster*,
the Nineteenth Day of *May*, *Anno Domini* 1761,
in the First Year of the Reign of our Sovereign
Lord *GEORGE* the Third, by the Grace of
God, of *Great Britain, France, and Ireland*,
King, Defender of the Faith, &c.

And from thence continued, by several Prorogations,
to the Tenth Day of *January*, 1765; being the Fourth
Session of the Twelfth Parliament of *Great Britain*.



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ANNO QUINTO

GEORGE III. Regis.

CAP. XXV.

An Act to alter certain Rates of Postage, and to amend, explain, and enlarge several Provisions in an Act made in the Ninth Year of the Reign of Queen Anne, and in other Acts relating to the Revenue of the Post Office.

Most Gracious Sovereign,



HEREAS the Security and Preamble.

Improvement of Correspondence throughout Your Majesty's Dominions, is a Matter of great Concernment, and highly necessary for the Preservation and Extension of Trade and Commerce: And whereas by an Act made in the Ninth Year of the Reign of Her late Majesty Queen Anne, several Rates are settled for the Port and Conveyance of Letters and

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Packets

Packets passing to and from the several Parts of the *British* Dominions in *Europe* and *America*: And whereas by the Increase of Trade and Commerce since the passing of the said Act, and by the vast Accession of Territory gained by the late Treaty of Peace, several Communications are opened, and new Posts have been or may be established to and from the several Parts of Your Majesty's Dominions in *America*, for which the Rates of Postage cannot, under the present Law, be properly ascertained: And whereas the present Rates of Postage may in some Parts be reduced, and the Revenue nevertheless may hereafter be improved, by means of a more extensive Circulation: We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of *Great Britain* in Parliament assembled, do most humbly beseech Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That so much of the said Act made in the Ninth Year of the Reign of

Repeal of so
much of the
Act of 9 *Anne*,

of Her said late Majesty Queen *Anne*, intituled, *An Act for establishing a General Post Office for all Her Majesty's Dominions, and for settling a Weekly Sum out of the Revenues thereof for the Service of the War, and other Her Majesty's Occasions*, as establishes certain Rates or Sums for the Port or Conveyance of Letters and Packets passing between *London* and the *British Dominions in America*, and between any Places within the said Dominions, shall, from and after the Tenth Day of *October*, One thousand seven hundred and sixty-five, be, and is hereby repealed.

as establishes the Rates of Postage of Letters between *London* and the *British Dominions in America*, and Places within the said Dominions :

II. And, to the End that more easy and equal Rates of Postage may be settled and established, and the Benefit of Posts be in Time extended to every Part of the *British Dominions in America*, be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That, from and after the said Tenth Day of *October*, One thousand seven hundred and sixty-five, it shall and may be lawful to and for His Majesty's Postmaster General for the Time being, and his Deputy and Deputies by him thereunto sufficiently authorized, to and for the Use of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, to demand, have, receive,

And from and after 10 Oct. 1765, instead of the Rates thereby established, those following are to take Place.

and take, for the Port and Conveyance of all and every the Letters, Packets, and other Things, that shall be carried or conveyed to or from *London*, from or to any of the *British* Dominions in *America*, and to or from any Part of the said Dominions, from or to any other Part thereof, according to the several and respective Rates and Sums hereafter mentioned; the same being rated either by the Letter, or by the Ounce; that is to say,

Rates of Postage from *London* to any Port within the *British* Dominions in *America*, and from any such Port to *London*;

For all Letters and Packets passing from *London* to any Port within the *British* Dominions in *America*, and from any such Port unto *London*, for every Single Letter One Shilling; for every Double Letter Two Shillings; for every Treble Letter Three Shillings; and for every Ounce Four Shillings; and so in Proportion for every Packet of Deeds, Writs, or other Things.

and from any Port in the said Dominions to any other Port therein, by Sea.

For all Letters and Packets conveyed by Sea from any Port in the *British* Dominions in *America* to any other Port within the said Dominions, for every Single Letter Four pence; for every Double Letter Eight pence; for every Treble Letter One Shilling;

Shilling; and for every Ounce One Shilling and Four-pence; and so in Proportion for every Packet of Deeds, Writs, or other Things.

For the Inland Conveyance of all Letters and Packets to or from any Chief Post Office established, or to be established, within the *British* Dominions in *America*, from or to any other Part of the said Dominions, not exceeding Sixty *British* Miles distant from such Chief Offices respectively; or from the Office where such Letters or Packets, not passing through any such Chief Office, may be put in, for every Single Letter Four-pence; for every Double Letter Eight-pence; for every Treble Letter One Shilling; and for every Ounce One Shilling and Four-pence; and, being upwards of Sixty such Miles, and not exceeding One hundred such Miles, for every Single Letter Sixpence; for every Double Letter One Shilling; for every Treble Letter One Shilling and Sixpence; and for every Ounce Two Shillings; and, being upwards of One hundred such Miles, and not exceeding Two hundred such Miles, for every Single Letter Eight-pence; for every Double Letter

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Rates of Inland Postage in *America*, for any Distance not exceeding 60 Miles;

for upwards of 60 and not exceeding 100 Miles;

for upwards of 100 and not exceeding 200 Miles;

and for up-
wards of 200
and not ex-
ceeding 100
Miles further,
&c.

One Shilling and Four-pence; for every Treble Letter Two Shillings; and for every Ounce Two Shillings and Eight-pence; and for every Distance not exceeding One hundred such Miles beyond such Two hundred Miles, and for every such further Distance, for every Single Letter Two-pence; for every Double Letter Four-pence; for every Treble Letter Sixpence; and for every Ounce Eight-pence; and so in Proportion, according to the said several and respective Rates and Distances, for every Packet of Deeds, Writs, or other Things.

Recital of
Clauses in Act
9 *Anna*.

III. And whereas by certain Clauses in the said Act, made in the Ninth Year of the Reign of Her said late Majesty Queen *Anne*, it is enacted, That all Letters and Packets that, by any Master of any Ship or Vessel, or any of his Company, or any Passengers therein, should or might be brought to any Port Town, or which should arrive or touch at any Port belonging to any Port Town within any Her Majesty's Dominions, or any the Members thereof, or which should be on Board any Ship or Vessel which should or did touch or stay at any such Port Town (other than such Letters as in the said Act are excepted),

ed), should, by such Master, Passenger, or other Person or Persons, be forthwith delivered unto the Deputy or Deputies of such Post Master General for the Time being by him appointed for such Place or Port Town, and to be, by such Deputy or Deputies, sent Post unto the said General Post Office, to be delivered according to the several and respective Directions of the same; upon Pain of forfeiting the Sum of Five Pounds of *British* Money for every several Offence against the Tenor of the said Act: And whereas the said Provision in the said above recited Clause, hath been found ineffectual for the Purposes intended; be it therefore further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the Tenth Day of *October*, One thousand seven hundred and sixty-five, no Ship or Vessel shall be permitted to break Bulk, or to make any Entry in any Port in the *British* Dominions, until all Letters and Packets brought by any Master of any such Ship or Vessel, or by any of his Company, or any Passenger on Board the same, to any Port in the said Dominions where Posts are or hereafter may be established, and from whence such

Letters

From and after 10 Oct. 1765, no Vessel to be admitted to make Entry, or break Bulk, till the Letters on board are delivered to the Post Office;

except in such Cases where they are to be delivered to the Superintendant of the Quarentine;

to be dispatched by him to the Post Office.

Persons refusing to deliver up such Letters, forfeit
20 l.

Letters and Packets can or may be dispatched by Post, shall be delivered to the Deputy or Deputies, or Agents, of the said Post Master General for the Time being, to be by him or them forwarded, according to their respective Directions, in the same Course that other Letters are sent from such respective Ports; except such Letters, Commissions, and other Matters and Things, as are excepted in the said Act made in the Ninth Year of the Reign of Her late Majesty Queen *Anne*; and also, except all such Letters and Packets as shall or may be brought in any Ship or Vessel liable to the Performance of Quarentine; all which Letters or Packets last-mentioned shall be delivered, by the Person or Persons having Possession thereof, to the Person or Persons appointed to superintend the Quarentine, that all proper Precautions may be by him or them taken before the Delivery thereof; and when due Care has been had therein, the said Letters or Packets shall be by him or them dispatched in the usual and accustomed Manner, by the Post; and all Masters, Mariners, Passengers, and other Person or Persons, neglecting or refusing

to deliver the Letters or Packets brought by them as aforesaid, shall, for every such Neglect or Refusal respectively, forfeit the Sum of Twenty Pounds; to be sued for and recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any Court of Record within the Kingdom, Colony, Plantation, or Place, where the Offence shall be committed; and no Essoin, Privilege, Protection, or Wager of Law, shall be admitted; One Moiety of the said Penalty to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and the other Moiety thereof to such Person or Persons who shall or will inform against such Offender or Offenders, and sue for the said Penalties and Forfeitures; and for every Recovery such Person or Persons, so informing and prosecuting for the said Penalties and Forfeitures, shall recover and have also taxed and paid their Full Costs of Suit; any Thing in the said Act, made in the Ninth Year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Anne, to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

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to the King,
the other to
the Prosecu-
tor;

with full Costs.

IV. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Deputy or Deputies to demand, have, receive, and take,

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charged on all
Ship Letters
not brought
by the Packet
Boats.

take, for every such Letter and Packet so delivered from any Ship or Vessel, other than Packet Boats, to such Deputy or Deputies at the Ports in His Majesty's Dominions, as shall be directed to any Place within the Town belonging to such Port, or within the Limits of the Delivery of Letters and Packets by such Deputy and Deputies, the Rate or Sum of One Penny, over and above what may now be received for the same.

From and after 10 Oct. 1765, the present Rates of Postage by the General Post,

not exceeding 3 Post Stage in Great Britain and Ireland, and not exceeding 2 in England, are to cease,

V. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That, from and after the Tenth Day of *October*, One thousand seven hundred and sixty-five, the Rates now payable for the Postage of Letters and Packets, sent or conveyed by the General Post, not exceeding One Post Stage in *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, and not exceeding Two Post Stages in that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, to cease and determine; and that from and after the said Tenth Day of *October*, One thousand seven hundred and sixty-five, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Post Master General and his Deputy and Deputies by him thereunto sufficiently authorized, to and for the Use of His Majesty,

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His Heirs and Successors, to demand, have, receive, and take, for the Port and Conveyance of all such Letters and Packets which he shall convey, carry, or send Post, within the Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, according to the several Rates and Sums hereafter mentioned (the same being rated either by the Letter or by the Ounce); that is to say,

and the following Rates are to take Place;

For the Port or Conveyance of every Single Letter, so conveyed or carried by the Post as aforesaid, not exceeding One whole Post Stage from the Office where such Letter may be put in, within the Kingdoms aforesaid, the Sum of One Penny; for every Double Letter Twopence; for every Treble Letter Threepence; and for every Ounce Fourpence; and so in Proportion for every Packet of Deeds, Writs, or other Things.

viz. Rates for Postage not exceeding one Post Stage;

N. B. By Stat. 24 Geo. 3. c. 37. Additional Rates are charged,

And for the Port and Conveyance of every Single Letter, so conveyed or carried by the Post as aforesaid, above One Post Stage, and not exceeding Two Post Stages, from the Office where such Letter may be put in, within that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, the Sum of Twopence;

above 1 and not exceeding 2 Post Stages.

pence; for every Double Letter Fourpence; for every Treble Letter Sixpence; and for every Ounce Eightpence; and so in Proportion for every Packet of Deeds, Writs, or other Things.

But these Regulations are not to extend to *The Penny Post*.

VI. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That nothing herein-before contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to alter, or in anywise to affect, the Rates or Sums to be paid for Letters or Packets passing or repassing by the Carriage called *The Penny Post*.

VII. And whereas, for the more ready and extensive Conveyance of Letters and Packets between that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, and *Ireland*, and for the Conveniency of Trade and Commerce between the said Kingdoms, it may be convenient and expedient to improve the Communication for the Conveyance of such Letters and Packets by the Post through *Carlisle*, *Dumfries*, and *Port Patrick*, or some other convenient Port in *Scotland*; and through *Donaghadee*, or some other convenient Port in *Ireland*; be it further declared and enacted by the Authority

Rates of Postage between

Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Post Master General, and his Deputy or Deputies by him thereunto sufficiently authorized, to demand, have, receive, and take, for the Port and Conveyance of all Letters and Packets, passing and repassing by the Post between *England* and *Ireland*, through *Carlisle*, *Dumfries*, *Port Patrick*, and *Donaghadee*, or other convenient Ports in *Scotland* and *Ireland*, the same Rates or Sums for *English* Postage, according to the Number of Miles or Stages such Letters and Packets are carried by the Post in *England*, as also the same Rates or Sums for *Scotch* Postage, according to the Number of Miles or Stages such Letters and Packets are carried by the Post in *Scotland*, and moreover the same Rates or Sums for Packet Postage between *Port Patrick* and *Donaghadee*, or other convenient Ports in *Scotland* and *Ireland*, as likewise the same Rates or Sums for *Irish* Postage, according to the Number of Miles or Stages such Letters are carried by the Post in *Ireland*, as are respectively settled, established, and ascertained, by the said Act made in the Ninth Year of the Reign of Her said late

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*England and
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Carlisle, Dum-
fries, Port
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or other con-
venient Ports.*

Majesty Queen *Anne*, or by this present Act.

Repeal of so much of the Act 9 *Anne*, as directs the Postage between *Port Patrick* and *Donaghadee* to be paid where the Letters are delivered.

VIII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That so much of the said Act, made in the Ninth Year of the Reign of her late Majesty Queen *Anne*, directs, that the Rates or Sums to be paid for the Conveyance of Letters, to be sent by Packet Boats, between *Port Patrick* and *Donaghadee*, shall be paid at the Place where such Letter or Letters are delivered, in order to be sent by such Packet Boats, shall, from and after the Tenth Day of *October*, One thousand seven hundred and sixty-five, be, and hereby, repealed.

IX. And, to the End that all Letters or Packets may be charged with Postage according to the rated Distance they respectively carried by the Post, and preventing all Disputes touching the same, be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for such Person and Persons as Post Master General for the Time being shall appoint, to measure, or cause to be measured, by the Wheel, all the Post Roads which are now settled and established

To prevent Disputes. Post Roads may be measured;

ed, or which shall hereafter be settled and established, in any Part of the Kingdoms of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, and other the *British* Dominions.

X. Provided always, That such Person or Persons, who shall be so appointed as aforesaid to measure the said Distances, and every of them, shall be sworn to perform the same according to the best of their Skill and Judgement; which Oath shall and may be administered by any Justice of the Peace, who is hereby authorized and required to administer the same, and to make Certificates thereof in Writing, to be entered, without Fee or Charge, in the Three Chief Post Offices in *Great Britain* and *Ireland*; and in the Chief Post Offices established, or to be established, in *America*: And moreover, that such Person or Persons so to be appointed by such Post Master as aforesaid, shall, and they are hereby required to cause fair Surveys or Books to be made out; one of each whereof shall be left with His Majesty's Post Master General in *London*, another of each to be left at the Chief Post Office in *Edinburgh* with the Post Master General's Deputy there, another of each to

and a return to be made thereof upon Oath;

and entered in the Three Chief Post Offices in *Great Britain* and *Ireland*; and the Chief Offices in *America*.

Fair Surveys to be made out, and deposited in the respective Offices here mentioned,

be left at the Chief Post Office at *Dublin* with the Post Master General's Deputy there, and another of each of such Surveys or Books shall be left at each of the Chief Post Offices established, or to be established, in *America*, with the respective Deputies of the Post Master General there, to remain in the said Post Offices; each of which said Surveys or Books shall be signed by the Person or Persons making the same, who shall and are hereby respectively required to make Oath of the Truth of such Surveys; which Oath or Oaths shall and may be administered by any Justice of the Peace, who is hereby authorized and required to administer the same; and a Certificate of his or their having sworn to the Truth thereof shall be signed by the Post Master General for the Time being, or by his Deputy or Deputies, in such Chief Post Offices in *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, and in the *British* Dominions in *America*; which Books and Surveys shall determine the Distances on all the said Post Roads: And in case of any Suspicion of Error or wrong Admeasurement, it shall and may be lawful for the said Post Master General to cause new Surveys to be

signed by the
Persons making
the same,
and attested
upon Oath,

and certified
by the Post
Master General
or his
Deputies.

On Suspicion
of Error, new
Surveys may
be made out,

be made; and the last Surveys which shall be made, and shall be verified and attested as above directed, shall, in all Courts of Justice, be Evidence of the Distances on such Post Roads; and all Rates granted by any former Act or Acts, or by this present Act, for the Port or Conveyance of Letters and Packets, shall be paid and taken according to such Surveys.

according to which Postage is to be charged.

XI. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Post Master General for the Time being, and his Deputy and Deputies by him thereunto sufficiently authorised, to settle and establish an Office, to be called *The Penny Post Office*, in any City or Town, and the Suburbs thereof, and Places adjacent, within the Kingdoms of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, and the *British* Dominions in *America*, where such Post shall, by the Post Master General, be adjudged necessary and convenient; and to demand, have, receive, and take, the same Rates and Sums for the Postage and Conveyance of all Letters and Packets, conveyed by such Penny Post, as are or may be taken for the Carriage of Letters and Packets, sent or conveyed by the Carriage called *The Penny*

Power given to settle Penny Post Offices where convenient.

Post, established and settled within the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, and Borough of *Southwark*, and Parts adjacent, according to the Extent and Meaning of the said Act made in the Ninth Year of Her said late Majesty Queen *Anne*, and of an Act made in the Fourth Year of His late Majesty King *George* the Second, and of this present Act.

Where such Offices are established, no Person may collect the Letters without being duly licensed.

XII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That when such Penny Post Office or Offices shall be settled and established in such Cities, Towns, Suburbs or Places adjacent, within the Kingdoms of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, and the *British* Dominions in *America*, as aforesaid, no Person or Persons whatsoever shall make any Collection of Letters or Packets in or near such City, Town, Suburbs, or Places, where such Penny Post Office or Offices shall be established, without Licence or Leave of the Post Master General for the Time being; upon Pain of incurring the Forfeitures and Penalties to be forfeited and paid by Persons collecting, receiving, carrying, re-carrying and delivering Letters, contrary to the said Act made in the Ninth Year of the

the Reign of Her said late Majesty Queen Anne, to be recovered in Manner as by the said Act is directed, and with Full Costs of Suit.

XIII. And be it further enacted and declared by the Authority aforesaid, That all Letters and Packets whatsoever, which shall or may be brought, by the Inland or Foreign Post, to the General Post Office in London, directed to any Person or Persons at any Place or Places beyond the Delivery of the Inland or Foreign Departments of the General Post Office respectively, and within the Delivery of the said Office called *The Penny Post Office*, shall be conveyed and delivered by the said Penny Post Office; and that it shall and may be lawful for any Messenger or Person, carrying or transmitting such Letters or Packets, to demand and take for the Carriage and Delivery of the same, One Penny, and no more, over and above the Rates of Postage which shall have become due, for the Port or Conveyance of such Letters or Packets to the General Post Office.

XIV. And whereas the Weight of Letters and Packets, sent or conveyed by the

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Carriage

Letters, &c. brought by the Inland or Foreign Post to the London Office,

and directed beyond the Department of the General Post, but within the Delivery of the *Penny Post*, may be sent by the *Penny Post* and charged accordingly.

From and after 5 July, 1765, no Packet exceeding 4 oz.

(except those sent by the General Post, &c.) may be sent by the *Penny Post*.

Carriage called *The Penny Post*, hath not yet been ascertained by any Law or Statute: And whereas many heavy and bulky Packets and Parcels are now sent and conveyed by such Carriage, which, by their Bulk and Weight, greatly retard the speedy Delivery thereof; be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That, from and after the Fifth Day of *July* One thousand seven hundred and sixty-five, no Letter, Packet, or Parcel whatsoever, shall be forwarded, sent, or conveyed, by any Carriage called *The Penny Post* already established, or hereafter to be established, if the Weight of such Letter, Packet, or Parcel, shall exceed the Weight of Four Ounces, other than such Letters or Packets as have first come by the Post to the General Post Office, or shall be passing by the said Carriage called *The Penny Post*, into the said General Post Office.

XV. And whereas by the said Act, made in the Ninth Year of the Reign of Her said late Majesty Queen *Anne*, certain Rates are established for all Letters passing from *London* through the *Spanish Netherlands*, or the *United Provinces*, to *Ham-burgh* (Post-paid to *Antwerp* or *Amsterdam*),

dam), and from *Hamburg* through the *Spanish Netherlands*, or the *United Provinces*, unto *London*; be it enacted, That so much of the said Act, made in the Ninth Year of the Reign of Her said late Majesty *Queen Anne*, as establishes the Rates last above mentioned, shall, from and after the Fifth Day of *July* One thousand seven hundred and sixty-five, be, and the same is hereby repealed; and the said Rates shall from thenceforth cease and determine: And from and after the said Fifth Day of *July*, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Post Master General, and his Deputy or Deputies by him thereunto sufficiently authorised, to and for the Use of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, to demand, have, receive, and take, for the Port and Conveyance of all Letters and Packets, sent or conveyed by the Post from *London* to *Hamburg* or from *Hamburg* to *London*, the same Rates or Sums of Money which, by the said Act made in the said Ninth Year of the Reign of Her said late Majesty *Queen Anne*, are settled, and appointed to be taken for all Letters and Packets passing by

From 5 *July*, 1765, the same Rates of Postage are to take Place between *London* and *Hamburg*, as between *London* and *Germany*.

The Postage of Letters to be sent out of *Great Britain*, may, if deemed necessary, be demanded upon their being put into the Office.

Penalty of any Officer of the Post Office secreting or embezzling any Letter with any Bank Bill or Note, &c. therein,

This Clause is amended by Stat. 7 Geo. 3. c. 50. s. 1.

by the Post from *London* to all other Parts of *Germany*.

XVI. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Post Master General, and his Deputy and Deputies, if such Post Master General shall deem it necessary and expedient, to cause the Rates or Sums for the Postage of all Letters and Packets which are to be sent by the Post out of the Kingdom of *Great Britain*, to be paid upon their being put into any Post Office within the said Kingdom.

XVII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Deputy, Clerk, Agent, Letter Carrier, or other Officer whatsoever, appointed, or to be hereafter appointed and employed in the Business of the Post Office, shall, from and after the Tenth Day of *October* One thousand seven hundred and sixty-five, secrete, embezzle, or destroy, any Letter, Packet, Bag, or Mail of Letters, which he, she, or they, shall and may be respectively entrusted with, or which shall have come to his, her, or their Hands or Possession, by virtue of their respective Employments

employments in the said Post Office, containing any Bank Note, Bank Post Bill, Bill of Exchange, Exchequer Bill, *South Sea* or *East India* Bond, Dividend Warrant of the Bank, *South Sea*, *East India*, or any other Company, Society, or Corporation, Navy or Victualling Bill, Seaman's Ticket, State Lottery Ticket, Goldsmith's Note for the Payment of Money, or other Bond or Warrant, Bill or Promissory Note for the Payment of Money, or *American* Provincial Bill of Credit; or shall steal and take, out of any Letter or Packet that shall come to his, her, or their Hands or Possession, by virtue of their respective Employments, any such Bank Note, Bank Post Bill, Bill of Exchange, Exchequer Bill, *South Sea* or *East India* Bond, Dividend Warrant of the Bank, *South Sea*, *East India*, or any other Company, Society, or Corporation, Navy or Victualling Bill, Seaman's Ticket, State Lottery Ticket, Goldsmith's Note for the Payment of Money, or other Bond or Warrant, or Promissory Note for the Payment of Money, or *American* Provincial Bill of Credit, with Intent to secrete, embezzle, or destroy the same; every such Offender

or taking out
any such Note
or Bill;

is Felony,

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or Offenders, being thereof convicted in due Form of Law, shall be deemed guilty of Felony, and shall suffer Death as a Felon.

Penalty of robbing Mails,

This Clause is amended by Stat. 7 Geo. 3. c. 50. s. 2.

XVIII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That, from and after the said Tenth Day of *October* One thousand seven hundred and sixty-five, if any Person or Persons whatsoever shall rob any of His Majesty's Mails of any Letter or Letters, Packet or Packets, Bag or Mail of Letters, although such Robbery shall not appear, or be proved, to be a taking from the Person, or upon the King's Highway, or to be a Robbery committed in any Dwelling-house, or any Coach-house, Stable, Barn, or any Outhouse belonging to a Dwelling-house, and although it should not appear that any Person or Persons were put in Fear by such Robbery, yet such Offender or Offenders, being thereof convicted as aforesaid, shall nevertheless respectively be deemed guilty of Felony, and shall suffer Death as a Felon.

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Penalty of any Officer, &c. imbezbling or misapplying

XIX. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Deputy, Clerk, Agent, Letter Carrier, or other Servant,

Servant, appointed, authorised, and intrusted, to take in Letters or Packets, and receive the Postage thereof, shall, after the said Tenth Day of *October*, imbezzle, or apply to his, her, or their own Use, any Money or Monies by him, her, or them, received with such Letters or Packets, for the Postage thereof; or shall burn or otherwise destroy any Letter or Letters, Packet or Packets, by him, her, or them, so taken in or received; or who, by virtue of their respective Offices, shall advance the Rates upon Letters or Packets sent by the Post, and shall not duly account for the Money by him, her, or them, received for such advanced Postage; every such Offender or Offenders, being thereof convicted as aforesaid, shall be deemed guilty of Felony.

the Postage Money received by him,

This Clause is amended by Stat. 7 Geo. 3. c. 50. s. 3.

or destroying any Letter or Packet,

or advancing the Rates,

and not accounting for the same,

is Felony.

XX. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Post Boy or Rider, having taken any of His Majesty's Mails, or Bags of Letters or Packets, under his Care, in order to convey the same to the next Post Town or Stage, shall, after the said Tenth Day of *October*, quit or desert the same before his Arrival at such Post Town or Stage, or shall suffer any

Post Boy quitting or deserting the Mail,

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any Person
(except the
Guard) to ride
on the Horse
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the Road, &c.

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any other Person or Persons (the Person or Persons employed to guard such Mails or Bags of Letters and Packets only excepted) to ride on the Horse or Carriage along with the said Mails or Bags of Letters and Packets; or shall loiter on the Road, and wilfully mispend his Time, so as to retard the Arrival of the said Mails or Bags of Letters at the next Post Town or Stage; or shall not, in all possible Cases, convey such Mails or Bags of Letters after the Rate of Six *English* Miles an Hour at the least; every such Offender, for every such Offence, being thereof convicted, either by voluntary Confession of the Party, or by the Oath or Oaths of One or more credible Witnesses or Witnesses, before any One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace (which Oath and Oaths the said Justice or Justices is and are hereby respectively impowered and required to administer), shall be sent to the House of Correction, and confined to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding One Month, nor less than Fourteen Days.

XXI. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That, from and after the

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the said Tenth Day of *October*, if any Post Boy or Post Boys, Rider or Riders, shall by himself or themselves, or in Combination with others, unlawfully collect or receive Letters or Packets, or convey, or cause Letters and Packets to be unlawfully conveyed, and shall thereof be convicted, either by the voluntary Confession of the Party, or by the Oath of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, before any One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace (which Oath and Oaths the said Justice and Justices is and are hereby respectively impowered and required to administer), every such Offender or Offenders shall, for every Letter or Packet so by him or them unlawfully collected, conveyed, or delivered, forfeit the Sum of Ten Shillings, to be paid to the Informer; and if the same shall not be forthwith paid upon Conviction, it shall and may be lawful for such Justice and Justices to commit such Offender or Offenders to the House of Correction, there to remain at hard Labour for any Space not exceeding Two Months, nor less than One Month.

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XXII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every the

Clauses, &c.
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tended to
this Act.

Rates, and
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the Clauses, Provisoos, Powers, Privileges, Advantages, Disabilities, Penalties, Forfeitures, and Methods for the Recovery of the same Matters and Things, contained in the said Act made in the Ninth Year of the Reign of her said late Majesty Queen Anne, or in any other Act or Acts whatsoever, touching the General Post Office, or the Carriage called *The Penny Post Office*, and not herein and hereby expressly altered or repealed, shall be applied and extended, and shall be construed to apply and extend, to this present Act, as fully and effectually, to all Intents and Purposes, as if the same had been particularly repeated and re-enacted in the Body of this present Act.

XXIII. And be it further enacted and declared, That all Rates or Sums of Money established or appointed by this Act, and also all Sums of Money imposed as Forfeitures or Penalties, and all Sums of Money required to be paid, and all other Monies herein mentioned, shall be deemed and taken to be Sterling Money of *Great Britain*, and shall be collected, taken, recovered, and paid, to the Amount

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of the Value which such Nominal Sums bear in *Great Britain*.

XXIV. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all the Monies arising by the Rates aforesaid, except the Monies which shall be necessary to defray such Expences as shall be incurred in the Collection and Management of the same, and all other Expences attending the said Office, and the due Execution of the Acts relating thereto, shall be appropriated and applied to such and the same Uses, to which the present Rates of Postage are respectively now by Law appropriated and made applicable.

Monies arising by this Act, to be applied as the present Rates of Postage.

XXV. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Charges, Out-goings, and Disbursements, necessary for the Receipt and Management of the said Rates, and the Rates granted by former Acts, and all other Expences attending the said Office, and the due Execution of the several Acts relating thereto, be allowed and paid, in like Manner as the same have heretofore been allowed, authorised, and paid, at any Time since the Commencement of the Rates granted by the said Act made in the Ninth Year of the Reign of Queen *Anne* ;

All necessary Charges, &c. in the Receipt and Management of Rates, to be allowed as usual.

any Thing in this Act, or in an Act passed in the First Year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for the Support of His Majesty's Household, and of the Honour and Dignity of the Crown of Great Britain*, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Clause in Act
4 Geo. III.
amended.

XXVI. And whereas by an Act made in the Fourth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act for preventing Frauds and Abuses, in relation to the sending and receiving of Letters and Packets free from the Duty of Postage*, it is enacted, That, from and after the First Day of May One thousand seven hundred and sixty-four, so long as the Revenue arising in the General Letter Office, or Post Office, or Office of Post Master General, shall continue to be made Part of the Aggregate Fund, no Letters or Packets sent by the Post, to or from any Place whatsoever, shall be exempted from paying the Duty of Postage, except such Letters and Packets as are therein particularly excepted: And whereas the Privilege of sending and receiving Letters and Packets, free from the Duty of Postage, is not by the said Act extended to the Pay Master General of His Majesty's Forces for the Time being, or to the Clerk of the Parliaments,

liaments, or to the Clerk of the House of Commons of *Great Britain*, for the Time being, who, by virtue of their respective Offices and Employments, necessarily send and receive many Letters relating to the publick Concerns of these Kingdoms; be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That, from and after the passing of this Act, the said Pay Master General of His Majesty's Forces for the Time being, shall and may send and receive Letters free from the Duty of Postage, in the same Manner, and under such Restrictions, as other Officers mentioned in the said Act are thereby permitted, in respect of their Offices, to send and receive; and that the said Clerk of the Parliaments, and Clerk of the House of Commons of *Great Britain*, for the Time being, shall and may respectively, from and after the passing of this Act, send and receive Letters, free from the Duty of Postage, in the same Manner, and under such Restrictions, as any Member of either of the Two Houses of Parliament of *Great Britain* now send and receive the same, in pursuance of the said Act.

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XXVII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Ac-

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tion or Suit shall be commenced against any Person or Persons for any Thing done in pursuance of this Act, the same shall be commenced within Six Months after the Fact committed, and not afterwards; and the Defendant or Defendants in such Action or Suit shall and may plead the General Issue, and give this Act, and the Special Matter, in Evidence; and that the same was done in pursuance, and by the Authority of this Act: And if it shall appear so to be done, or that such Action or Suit shall be commenced after the Time before limited for bringing the same, that then the Jury shall find for the Defendant or Defendants; and upon a Verdict for the Defendant, or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall be nonsuited, or discontinue his, her, or their Action or Suit, after the Defendant or Defendants shall have appeared; or if, upon Demurrer, Judgement shall be given against the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, the Defendant or Defendants shall and may recover Treble Costs, and have the like Remedy for the same, as any Defendant or Defendants hath or have in any other Cases by Law.

Treble Costs.

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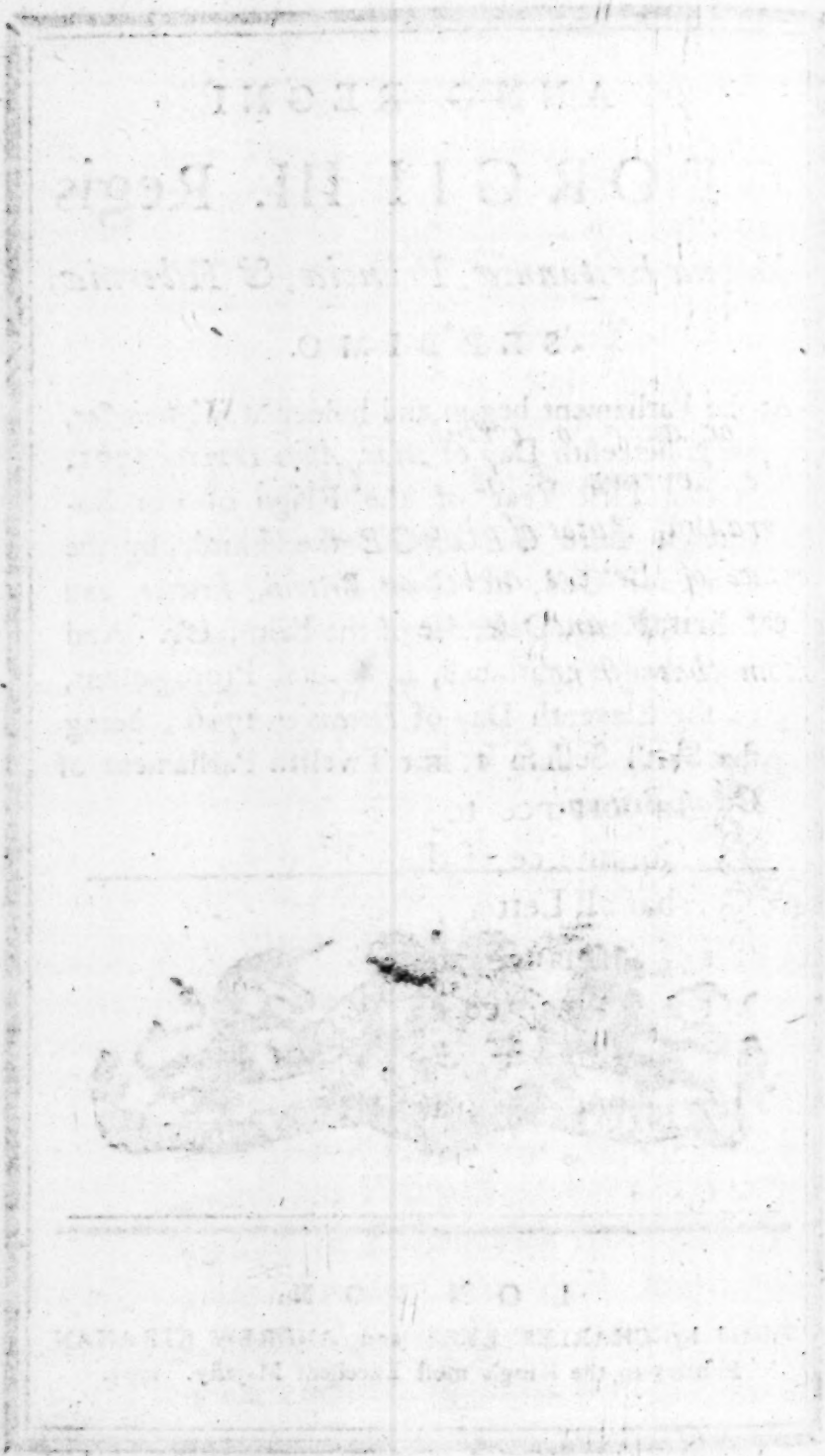
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At the Parliament begun and holden at *Westminster*, the Nineteenth Day of *May*, Anno Domini 1761, in the First Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *GEORGE* the Third, by the Grace of God, of *Great Britain, France, and Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. And from thence continued, by several Prorogations, to the Eleventh Day of *December* 1766; being the Sixth Session of the Twelfth Parliament of *Great Britain*.



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Preamble.

Officers, or others employed in any Business relating to the Post Office,

who shall secrete, embezzle, or destroy, any Letter or Packet, *etc.* with which they shall be intrusted, or which shall come to their Hands or Possession, containing any Bank or other Note, for Payment of Money;

and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That if any Deputy, Clerk, Agent, Letter-carrier, Post-boy, or Rider, or any other Officer or Person whatsoever, employed, or to be hereafter employed, in receiving, stamping, sorting, charging, carrying, conveying, or delivering, Letters or Packets, or in any other Business relating to the Post Office, shall, from and after the First Day of *November* One thousand seven hundred and sixty-seven, secrete, embezzle, or destroy, any Letter or Letters, Packet or Packets, Bag or Mail of Letters, which he, she, or they, shall and may be respectively intrusted with, or which shall have come to his, her, or their Hands or Possession, containing any Bank Note, Bank Post Bill, Bill of Exchange, Exchequer Bill, *South Sea* or *East India* Bond, Dividend Warrant of the Bank, *South Sea*, *East India*, or any other Company, Society, or Corporation, Navy or Victualling or Transport Bill, Ordnance Debenture, Seaman's Ticket, State Lottery Ticket or Certificate, Bank Receipt for Payment on any Loan, Note of Assignment of Stock in the Funds, Letter

Letter of Attorney for receiving Annuities or Dividends, or for selling Stock in the Funds, or belonging to any Company, Society, or Corporation, *American Provincial Bill of Credit*, Goldsmith's or Banker's Letter of Credit or Note for or relating to the Payment of Money, or other Bond or Warrant, Draught, Bill, or Promissory Note whatsoever, for the Payment of Money; or shall steal and take out of any Letter or Packet that shall come to his, her, or their Hands or Possession, any such Bank Note, Bank Post Bill, Bill of Exchange, Exchequer Bill, *South Sea or East India Bond*, Dividend Warrant of the Bank, *South Sea, East India*, or any other Company, Society, or Corporation, Navy or Victualling or Transport Bill, Ordnance Debenture, Seaman's Ticket, State Lottery Ticket or Certificate, Bank Receipt for Payment on any Loan, Note of Assignment of Stock in the Funds, Letter of Attorney for receiving Annuities or Dividends, or for selling Stock in the Funds, or belonging to any Company, Society, or Corporation, *American Provincial Bill of Credit*, Goldsmith's or Banker's Letter of Credit or Note for or relating

or shall steal, or take thereout, any such Bank or other Note, etc.

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Persons who
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any Mail or
Bag, or from
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relating to the Payment of Money, or other Bond or Warrant, Draught, Bill, or Promissory Note whatsoever, for the Payment of Money; every such Offender or Offenders, being thereof convicted in due Form of Law, shall be deemed guilty of Felony, and shall suffer Death as a Felon, without Benefit of Clergy.

II. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That, from and after the said First Day of *November* One thousand seven hundred and sixty-seven, if any Person or Persons whatsoever shall rob any Mail or Mails, in which Letters are sent or conveyed by the Post, of any Letter or Letters, Packet or Packets, Bag or Mail of Letters; or shall steal and take from or out of any such Mail or Mails, or from or out of any Bag or Bags of Letters, sent or conveyed by the Post, or from or out of any Post Office, or House or Place for the Receipt or Delivery of Letters or Packets sent or to be sent by the Post, any Letter or Letters, Packet or Packets; although such Robbery, Stealing, or Taking, shall not appear, or be proved, to be a Taking from the Person, or upon the King's Highway, or to be a Robbery committed

mitted in any Dwelling-house, or any Coach-house, Stable, Barn, or any Out-house belonging to a Dwelling-house; and although it should not appear that any Person or Persons were put in fear by such Robbery, Stealing, or Taking; yet such Offender or Offenders, being thereof convicted as aforesaid, shall nevertheless respectively be deemed guilty of Felony, and shall suffer Death as a Felon, without Benefit of Clergy.

being convicted, shall suffer Death, without Benefit of Clergy.

III. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Deputy, Clerk, Agent, Letter-carrier, Officer, or other Person whatsoever, employed or hereafter to be employed, in any Business relating to the Post Office, shall take and receive into his, her, or their Hands or Possession any Letter or Letters, Packet or Packets, to be forwarded by the Post, and receive any Sum or Sums of Money therewith for the Postage thereof, shall, after the said First Day of *November* One thousand seven hundred and sixty-seven, burn or otherwise destroy any Letter or Letters, Packet or Packets, by him, her, or them, so taken in or received; or if any such Deputy, Clerk, Agent, Letter-carrier, Officer,

Officers, or others, employed in any Business relating to the Post Office, who shall burn or destroy any Letter to be sent by Post, for which they have received the Postage;

or who shall advance the Postage on any Post Letter

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ficer, or other Person whatsoever, so employed, or hereafter to be so employed, shall advance the Rate or Rates of Postage upon any Letter or Letters, Packet or Packets, sent by the Post, and shall secrete, and not duly account for, the Money by him, her, or them, received for such advanced Postage; every such Offender or Offenders, being thereof convicted as aforesaid, shall be deemed guilty of Felony.

IV. And whereas it hath been found necessary, for the Convenience and Improvement of Trade and Commerce, and for the more safe and speedy Conveyance of Letters and Packets between *Great Britain* and the *Isle of Man*, to establish a Packet Boat between the Port of *Whitehaven* in the County of *Cumberland*, and the Port of *Douglas* in the said *Isle of Man*; be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That, from and after the Fifth Day of *July* One thousand seven hundred and sixty-seven, it shall and may be lawful to and for His Majesty's Postmaster General, and his Deputy and Deputies by him thereunto sufficiently authorized, to and for the Use of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors,

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to demand, have, receive, and take, for the Post and Conveyance of all and every the Letters and Packets that shall be carried or conveyed by Packet Boats to or from the Port of *Whitehaven* aforefaid, or any other convenient Port in the Kingdom of *Great Britain*, from or to the Port of *Douglas* aforefaid, or any other convenient Port in the faid *Isle of Man* (over and above all other Rates payable for fuch Letters or Packets), according to the Rates and Sums hereafter mentioned (the fame being rated either by the Letter, or by the Ounce), that is to fay,

Rates of Postage to be paid thereupon.

For every Single Letter, Two-pence.

The Rates.

For every Double Letter, Four-pence.

For every Treble Letter, Sixpence.

And for every Ounce, Eight-pence.

And fo in Proportion for every Packet of Deeds, Writs, and other Things.

V. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforefaid, That, from and after the faid Fifth Day of *July* One thousand seven hundred and fixty-seven, it fhall and may be lawful to and for His Majesty's Postmaster General to establish Post Offices and Post Roads within the faid *Isle of Man*,

Convenient Post Offices, and Post Roads, to be established within the faid Island.

Inland Port of Letters there, to be charged after the Rate of Postage in England.

Clauses, Provisions, Powers, Privileges, Penalties, &c.

Man, wherever it shall appear to him to be necessary and convenient for the Benefit of Trade and Correspondence so to do; and that it shall and may be lawful for such Post-master General, and his Deputy and Deputies by him thereunto sufficiently authorized, to and for the Use of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, to demand, have, receive, and take, for the Inland Port or Conveyance of all Letters and Packets sent or conveyed by the Post within the said Isle, such Rates of Postage in proportion to the Number of Miles or Stages such Letters and Packets are carried or conveyed by the Post, as now are respectively settled, established, and ascertained, to be paid for the Inland Port or Conveyance of Letters and Packets within that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*.

VI. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That, from and after the said Fifth Day of *July* One thousand seven hundred and sixty-seven, all and every the Clauses, Provisions, Powers, Privileges, Advantages, Disabilities, Penalties, and Methods for the Recovery of the same, and all other Matters and Things contained in an Act made in the Ninth Year

Year of the Reign of Her late Majesty Queen *Anne*, intituled, *An Act for establishing a General Post Office for all Her Majesty's Dominions, and for settling a weekly Sum out of the Revenues thereof for the Service of the War, and other Her Majesty's Occasions*, (and not repealed or altered by any subsequent Law); as also in an Act made in the Sixth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George the First*, intituled, *An Act for preventing Frauds and Abuses in the Publick Revenues of Excise, Customs, Stamp Duties, Post Office, and House Money*, so far as the said Act relates to the Post Office; as also in an Act made in the Twenty-sixth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George the Second*, intituled, *An Act for the more effectual preventing the fraudulent Removal of Tobacco by Land or Water, and for the Ease of the fair Trader; and for ascertaining the Rates payable for the Postage of certain Letters; and for amending and explaining the Laws relating to the Sale of Spirituous Liquors by Retail*; so far as the said Act relates to the Post Office; as also in an Act made in the Fourth Year of the Reign of His present most Gracious Majesty,

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jeſty, intituled, *An Act for preventing Frauds and Abuses in relation to the ſending and receiving Letters and Packets free from the Duty of Poſtage*; as alſo in an Act made in the Fifth Year of His preſent Maſteſty, intituled, *An Act to alter certain Rates of Poſtage*; and to amend, explain, and enlarge, ſeveral Proviſions in an Act made in the Ninth Year of the Reign of Queen Anne, and in other Acts relating to the Revenue of the Poſt Office; and alſo in this preſent Act, or in any other Act relating to the Poſt Office, ſhall extend, and be deemed and conſtrued to extend, to the ſaid *Iſle of Man*, and to all His Maſteſty's Subjects within the ſaid Iſle, as fully and effectually in every Reſpect, as if the ſaid Iſle, and His Maſteſty's Subjects therein, had been expreſſly included in the ſaid ſeveral Acts, or in any of them.

VII. And be it enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all the Monies ariſing by the Rates aforeſaid, except the Monies which ſhall be neceſſary to defray ſuch Expences as ſhall be incurred in the Collection and Management of the ſame, and all other Expences attending the ſaid Office, and the due Execution of the

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Acts relating thereto, shall be appropriated and applied to such and the same Uses to which the present Rates of Postage are respectively now by Law appropriated and made applicable.

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VIII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Action or Suit shall be commenced against any Person or Persons for any thing done in pursuance of this Act, the same shall be commenced within Six Months after the Fact committed, and not afterwards; and the Defendant or Defendants in such Action or Suit shall and may plead the General Issue, and give this Act, and the Special Matter, in Evidence; and that the same was done in pursuance and by the Authority of this Act; and if it shall appear so to be done, or that such Action or Suit shall be commenced after the Time before limited for bringing the same, that when the Jury shall find for the Defendant or Defendants; and upon a Verdict for the Defendant, or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall be nonsuited, or discontinue his, her, or their Action or Suit after the Defendant or Defendants shall have appeared; or if, upon Demurrer, Judge-

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GEORGII III. Regis

Magnæ Britanniae, Franciæ, & Hiberniæ,

N O N O.

At the Parliament begun and holden at *Westminster*,
the Tenth Day of *May*, *Anno Domini* 1768, in
the Eighth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign
Lord *GEORGE* the Third, by the Grace of
God, of *Great Britain, France, and Ireland*,
King, Defender of the Faith, &c.

And from thence continued, by several Prorogations,
to the Eighth Day of *November*, 1768; being the Second
Session of the Thirteenth Parliament of *Great Britain*.



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An Act for discontinuing, upon the Exportation of Iron imported in Foreign Ships, the Drawback of such Part of the Duties payable thereon as exceeds the Duties payable upon Iron imported in British Ships; to prohibit the Exportation of Pig and Bar Iron, and certain Naval Stores, unless the Preemption thereof be offered to the Commissioners of the Navy; to repeal so much of an Act made in the Sixth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, as discontinued the Drawback upon Foreign Rough Hemp exported; for providing a Compensation to the Clerks in the Offices of the Principal Secretaries of State, for the Advantages such Clerks enjoyed before the Commencement of an Act, made in the Fourth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, for preventing Frauds and

Abuses in relation to the sending and receiving Letters and Packets free from the Duty of Postage; and to explain and amend the said Act.

[So much thereof as relates to the Post Office.]

Recital of
Clause in Act
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touching the
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AND whereas by an Act made in the Fourth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, for preventing Frauds and Abuses in relation to the sending and receiving of Letters and Packets free from the Duty of Postage; the Clerks in the Offices of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State are deprived of the Privileges of sending and receiving their Letters free from the Duty of Postage, which had been uninterruptedly enjoyed ever since the Establishment of the Post Office; and that the Privilege of Franking Newspapers, reserved to them by the said Act, is, by the Regulations therein contained, rendered of very little Advantage to them, and is likely soon to be intirely lost, by reason of the great Expence they are put to for Post Letters, and from the Methods by which Newspapers are now dispersed into the

the Country: As a Recompence therefore for the Loss of such Privileges, and as a Compensation for the Advantages heretofore arising therefrom; be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That there shall be and is hereby charged upon the Revenues arising in the General Letter Office or Post Office, or Office of Post-master General, the Sum of One thousand five hundred Pounds *per Annum*, which shall be payable thereout to His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State for the Time being, in equal Proportions, to be distributed by such respective Secretaries of State among the Clerks in their Offices; which said annual Sum shall be made in Quarterly Payments, to be computed from the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* One thousand seven hundred and sixty-nine; and that the Pay-master or Receiver of the Revenues of the General Letter Office or Post Office, or Office of Post-master General for the Time being, shall, upon any Warrant or Warrants under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, countersigned by any Three or more of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, or by the Lord High Treasurer for

1,500 *l. per Annum* to be paid out of the Revenues of the General Post Office, to the Clerks in the Offices of the Principal Secretaries of State,

as a Compensation for the Privileges taken from them by the recited Acts.

Warrant to be made out for Payment accordingly.

the time being, make such Quarterly Payments to such Person or Persons as shall be appointed by such Secretaries of State for the time being to receive their respective Proportions of the said annual Sum; such Person or Persons producing and delivering to such Paymaster or Receiver a Receipt or Receipts under the Hands of such Secretaries of State; and which Receipt or Receipts shall be a full Acquittance and Discharge to such Paymaster or Receiver for the Payment of the Sum or Sums mentioned therein.

Clause in the said Act respecting the Time of Privilege to Members of sending the Votes of the House of Commons, and printed Newspapers, free of Postage:

VI. And whereas, by an Act made in the Fourth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for preventing Frauds and Abuses in relation to the sending and receiving of Letters and Packets free from the Duty of Postage*, it is provided, that nothing therein contained should extend to charge with the Duty of Postage any printed Votes or Proceedings in Parliament, or printed Newspapers, being sent without Covers, or in Covers open at the Sides, which should be signed on the Outside thereof by the Hand of any Member of Parliament, in such Manner as had been theretofore practised, or which

which should be directed to any Member of Parliament at any Place whereof he should have given Notice in Writing to the Postmaster General, or to his Deputy at *Edinburgh* or *Dublin* respectively; but that all such Votes, Proceedings, and Newspapers, so sent and signed, or directed as aforesaid, should be received free of the Duty of Postage: And whereas Doubts have arisen with respect to the Duration of the Time allowed by the said Act for the Conveyance of such Votes, Proceedings, and Newspapers, free from the Duties of Postage; be it therefore declared and enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it is the true Intent and Meaning of the said Act, that such Votes, Proceedings, and Newspapers, so sent and directed as aforesaid, should be conveyed free from the Duty of Postage during such Times only as are allowed and limited in the preceding Part of the said Act for the Conveyance, free of Postage, of Letters and Packets not exceeding the Weight of Two Ounces, sent from or to any Member of either of the Two Houses of Parliament in *Great Britain* or *Ireland* respectively, in such Manner as in the said Act

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The said Time limited to the Session of Parliament, or within 40 Days before or 40 Days after.

Clause in Act 5 Geo. III, respecting the Post Office.

is particularly expressed; that is to say, During the Sitting of any Session of Parliament, or within Forty Days before or Forty Days after any Summons or Prorogation thereof.

VII. And whereas by a Clause in an Act of the Fifth Year of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act to alter certain Rates of Postage, and to amend, explain, and enlarge, several Provisions in an Act made in the Ninth Year of the Reign of Queen Anne, and in other Acts relating to the Revenue of the Post Office*, the Clerk of the Parliaments and the Clerk of the House of Commons are impowered to send and receive Letters free of Postage: And whereas the Privilege of sending and receiving Letters and Packets free from the Duty of Postage is not by the said Act extended to the Clerk Assistant, and the Reading Clerk of the House of Peers, and the Clerk Assistant of the House of Commons of *Great Britain*, and the Chief Clerk without Doors (who receives the Fees and pays them to the Officers of the said House) respectively for the time being; who by virtue of their respective Offices and Employments necessarily send and

and receive many Letters relating to the Publick Concerns of these Kingdoms; be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That, from and after the passing of this Act, the said Clerk Assistant and the said Reading Clerk of the House of Peers; and also the said Clerk Assistant and the said Chief Clerk without Doors of the House of Commons of *Great Britain* for the time being, shall and may respectively send and receive Letters free from the Duty of Postage, in the same Manner and under such Restrictions as any Member of either of the Two Houses of Parliament of *Great Britain* now send and receive the same, in pursuance of an Act made in the Fourth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act for preventing Frauds and Abuses in relation to the sending and receiving of Letters and Packets free from the Duty of Postage.*

The Clerk Assistant and Reading Clerk of the House of Peers, and the Clerk Assistant and Chief Clerk without Doors of the House of Commons, may send and receive Letters Duty-free.

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ANNO REGNI
GEORGII III. Regis
Magnæ Britanniae, Franciæ, & Hiberniæ,
VICESIMO SECUNDO.

At the Parliament begun and holden at *Westminster*, the Thirty-first Day of *October Anno Domini* 1780, in the Twenty-first Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *GEORGE* the Third, by the Grace of God, of *Great Britain, France, and Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, &c.

And from thence continued, by several Prorogations, to the Twenty-seventh Day of *November* 1781; being the Second Session of the Fifteenth Parliament of *Great Britain*.



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GEORGE III. Regis

Magna Britanniae, Franciae & Hiberniae,

VICTISSIMO SEQUENDO.

In the Parliament begun and holden at Westminster, the Thirty first Day of October, Anno Domini 1760, in the Twenty first Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE THE THIRD, by the Grant of God of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c.

That from thence continued by several Resolutions, in the Twenty second Day of November, after being the third session of the said Parliament of Great Britain.



That, from and after the first Day of January One thousand seven hundred and eighty two, the said Lord GEORGE THE THIRD, his heirs and assigns, should and lawfully might, in and unto the said Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. other

ANNO VICESIMO SECUNDO

GEORGII III. Regis.

C A P. XLI.

An Act for better securing the Freedom of Elections of Members to serve in Parliament, by disabling certain Officers, employed in the Collection or Management of His Majesty's Revenues, from giving their Votes at such Elections.



OR the better securing the Preamble.

Freedom of Elections of Members to serve in Parliament, be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Ma-

jesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That, from and after the First Day of August One thousand seven hundred and eighty-two, no Commissioner, Collector, Supervisor, Gauger, or other

Officer

From Aug. 1, 1782, no Commissioner or Officer employed in collecting or managing the

**Duties of Ex-
cise, Postage,
&c. shall have
any Vote in
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of Parliament.**

Officer or Person whatsoever, concerned or employed in the charging, collecting, levying, or managing the Duties of Excise, or any Branch or Part thereof; nor any Commissioner, Collector, Comptroller, Searcher, or other Officer or Person whatsoever, concerned or employed in the charging, collecting, levying, or managing the Customs, or any Branch or Part thereof; nor any Commissioner, Officer, or other Person concerned or employed in collecting, receiving, or managing, any of the Duties on Stamped Vellum, Parchment, and Paper, nor any Person appointed by the Commissioners for distributing of Stamps; nor any Commissioner, Officer, or other Person employed in collecting, levying, or managing, any of the Duties on Salt; nor any Surveyor, Collector, Comptroller, Inspector, Officer, or other Person employed in collecting, managing, or receiving, the Duties on Windows or Houses; nor any Postmaster, Postmasters General, or his or their Deputy or Deputies, or any Person employed by or under him or them in receiving, collecting, or managing the Revenue of the Post-office, or any

any Part thereof; nor any Captain, Master, or Mate, of any Ship, Packet, or other Vessel, employed by or under the Postmaster or Postmasters General in conveying the Mail to and from Foreign Ports, shall be capable of giving his Vote for the Election of any Knight of the Shire, Commissioner, Citizen, Burgess, or Baron to serve in Parliament for any County, Stewartry, City, Borough, or Cinque Port, or for chusing any Delegate in whom the Right of electing Members to serve in Parliament, for that Part of Great Britain called Scotland, is vested:

And if any Person, hereby made incapable of voting as aforesaid, shall nevertheless presume to give his Vote, during the Time he shall hold, or within Twelve Calendar Months after he shall cease to hold or execute any of the Offices aforesaid, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, such Votes so given shall be held null and void, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever; and every Person so offending shall forfeit the Sum of One hundred Pounds, One Moiety thereof to the Informer, and the other Moiety

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thereof to be immediately paid into the Hands of the Treasurer of the County, Riding, or Division, within which such Offence shall have been committed, in that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*; and into the Hands of the Clerk of the Justices of the Peace of the Counties or Stewartries, in that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*, to be applied and disposed of to such Purposes as the Justices at the next General Quarter Session of the Peace to be held for such County, Stewartry, Riding, or Division, shall think fit; to be recovered, by any Person that shall sue for the same, by Action of Debt, Bill of Complaint, or Information, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster* in which no Essoin, Protection, Privilege or Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance, shall be allowed; or by summary Complaint before the Court of Session in *Scotland*; and the Person convicted on any such Suit shall thereby become disabled and incapable of ever bearing or executing any Office or Place of Trust whatsoever under His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors,

II. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to any Person or Persons for or by reason of his or their being a Commissioner or Commissioners of the Land Tax, or for or by reason of his or their acting by or under the Appointment of such Commissioners of the Land Tax, for the Purpose of assessing, levying, collecting, receiving, or managing the Land Tax, or any other Rates or Duties already granted or imposed, or which shall hereafter be granted or imposed by Authority of Parliament.

Not to extend to Commissioners of the Land Tax, or Persons acting under them;

III. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to any Office now held, or usually granted to be held, by Letters Patent for any Estate of Inheritance or Freehold.

nor to Offices held by Letters Patent for any Estate of Inheritance;

IV. Provided always, and be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That nothing herein contained shall extend to any Person who shall resign his Office or Employment on or before the said First Day of August One thousand seven hundred and eighty-two.

nor to Persons who shall resign their Offices before Aug. 1, 1782.

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**Limitation of
Actions.**

V. Provided also, and be it enacted,
That no Person shall be liable to any
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or imposed, unless Prosecution be com-
menced within Twelve Months after such
Penalty or Forfeiture shall be incurred.

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Magnæ Britannia, Franciæ, & Hiberniæ,
VICESIMO SECUNDO.

At the Parliament begun and holden at *Westminster*,
the Thirty-first Day of *October*, *Anno Domini*
1780, in the Twenty-first Year of the Reign
of our Sovereign Lord *GEORGE* the Third,
by the Grace of God, of *Great Britain, France,*
and *Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, &c.

And from thence continued, by several Prorogations, to
the Twenty-seventh Day of *November*, 1781; being the
Second Session of the Fifteenth Parliament of *Great*
Britain.



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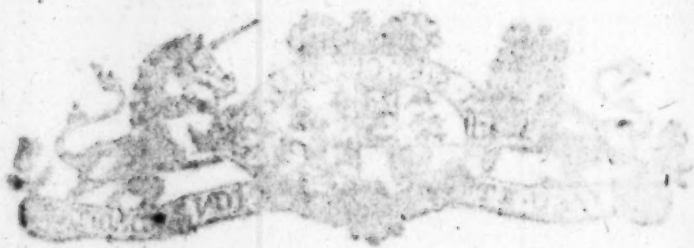
GEORGE III. Regis

WILLIAM, Prince of Wales, & others.

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At the Parliament begun and holden at Westminster
the Twenty-fifth Day of October, Anno Regni
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of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Third,
in the sixth of God, Edward Prince of Wales,
and Prince of Wales, Deceased of the said

Parliament continued, by Letters Patent, bearing
the Twenty-fifth Day of November, 1751; in the
second Session of the said Parliament of Great



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GEORGII III. Regis.

C A P. LXX.

An Act to enable the Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces, and the Secretary to the Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces, to send and receive Letters and Packets free from the Duty of Postage.



HEREAS by an Act, made Preamble.
in the Fourth Year of the
Reign of His present Ma-
jesty, (intituled, *An Act for*
preventing Frauds and Abuses

Recital of
4 Geo. III.
Cap. 24.

in relation to the sending and receiving of Letters and Packets free from the Duty of Postage), it is enacted, That, from and after the First Day of May One thousand seven hundred and sixty-four, so long as the Revenue arising in the General Letter-office, or Post-office or Office of Post-

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master General, shall continue to be made Part of the Aggregate Fund, no Letters or Packets sent by the Post, to or from any Place whatsoever, shall be exempted from paying the Duty of Postage, except such Letters and Packets as are therein particularly excepted: And whereas the Privilege of sending and receiving Letters and Packets free from the Duty of Postage is not, by the said Act, extended to the Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces, or to the Secretary to the Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces, for the Time being, who, by virtue of their respective Offices and Employments, necessarily send and receive many Letters and Packets relating to the Publick Concerns of these Kingdoms; may it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That, from and after the passing of this Act, the said Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces, and the Secretary to the Commander in Chief of His

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His Majesty's Forces, for the Time being, shall and may send and receive Letters and Packets free from the Duty of Postage, in the same Manner, and under such Restrictions, as other Officers mentioned in the said Act are thereby permitted, in respect of their Offices, to send and receive the same, in pursuance of the said Act.

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II. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commander in Chief for the Time being to authorize and direct certain Persons, not exceeding Two in Number, in his Office or Department, (a List of whose Names shall be, from Time to Time, transmitted by him to the General Post-office in London), to make and subscribe an Indorsement upon Letters and Packets, to be sent by the Post from his Office, which shall concern the publick Business of his Office or Department, signifying that such Letters and Packets are upon His Majesty's Service; which Letters and Packets, being so subscribed, and being sealed with the Seal of the Commander in Chief for the Time being, or his Secretary, shall and

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and may be sent and conveyed by the Post, free from the Duty of Postage.

Penalty on
indorsing any
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cern the said
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III. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person, authorized to make and subscribe such Indorsement, shall knowingly make the same, or procure the same to be made, upon any Letter or Packet which does not really concern the Business of the said Office or Department of Commander in Chief, such Person shall, for the First Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Pounds, to be recovered and applied in such Manner as by the Act of the Ninth Year of the Reign of Queen *Anne*, for establishing a General Post-office, is directed with respect to the Penalties inflicted by the said Act; and for the Second Offence shall be dismissed from his Office.

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GEORGII III.
REGIS

Magnæ Britanniae, Franciæ, & Hiberniæ,

VICESIMO TERTIO.

At the Parliament begun and holden at *Westminster*, the Thirty-first Day of *October*, Anno Domini 1780, in the Twenty-first Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Third, by the Grace of God, of *Great Britain, France, and Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, &c.

And from thence continued, by several Prorogations, to the Fifth Day of *December* 1781; being the Third Session of the Fifteenth Parliament of *Great Britain*.



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ANNO VICESIMO TERTIO

GEORGE III. Regis.

C A P. LXIX.

An Act to enable the Adjutant General of His Majesty's Forces, and the Comptrollers of Army Accounts, to send and receive Letters and Packets free from the Duty of Postage.



HEREAS by an Act, made Preamble.
in the Fourth Year of the
Reign of His present Majesty,
(intituled, *An Act for pre-* Recital of
venting Frauds and Abuses in relation to the 4 Geo. III,
sending and receiving of Letters and Packets Cap. 24.
free from the Duty of Postage), it is en-
acted, That, from and after the First Day
of May One thousand seven hundred
and sixty-four, so long as the Revenue
arising in the General Letter Office, or
Post-office, or Office of Post-master Ge-
neral, shall continue to be made Part of
the Aggregate Fund, no Letters or Pac-
kets

kets sent by the Post to or from any Place whatsoever, shall be exempted from paying the Duty of Postage, except such Letters and Packets as are therein particularly excepted: And whereas the Privilege of sending and receiving Letters and Packets, free from the Duty of Postage, is not, by the said Act, extended to the Adjutant General of His Majesty's Forces for the Time being, nor to the Comptrollers of Army Accounts for the Time being, who, by virtue of their respective Offices, necessarily send and receive many Letters and Packets relating to the publick Concerns of these Kingdoms; may it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That, from and after the passing of this Act, the said Adjutant General of His Majesty's Forces for the Time being, and the Comptrollers of Army Accounts for the Time being, shall and may send and receive Letters and Packets free from the Duty of Postage,

Adjutant General, and Comptrollers of Army Accounts, may send and receive Letters free from Postage.

age, in the same Manner, and under such Restrictions, as other Officers mentioned in the said Act are thereby permitted, in respect of their Offices, to send and receive the same in pursuance of the said Act.

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Magnæ Britannia, Francia, & Hibernia,
VICESIMO QUARTO.

At the Parliament begun and holden at *Westminster*, the Eighteenth Day of *May Anno Domini 1784*, in the Twenty-fourth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *GEORGE* the Third, by the Grace of God, of *Great Britain, France, and Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, &c.

Being the First Session of the Sixteenth Parliament of
Great Britain.



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Printers to the King's most Excellent Majesty. 1793.

ANNO REGNI

GEORGI III. Regis

Magna Britanniae, Franciae, & Hiberniae

VICESIMO SEPTIMO

In the Twentieth year and fourth of His Majesty
the Twentieth Day of May when His Majesty
1784, in His Majesty's Town of the City of
our Sovereign Lord GEORGE III. the Third of the
King of Great Britain, France, and
Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c.

Being the 24th year of the Twentieth Twentieth of
Great Britain



LONDON:
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in the Strand, near the King's Bench Prison.

ANNO VICESIMO QUARTO

GEORGE III. Regis.

SESS. I. C A P. VI.

An Act for establishing certain Regulations concerning the Portage and Conveyance of Letters and Packets by the Post between Great Britain and Ireland.



HEREAS, by an Act made Preamble.
in the Fourth Year of the
Reign of His present Majesty,
intituled, *An Act for prevent-*
ing Frauds and Abuses in re-

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4 Geo. III,
Cap. 24.

lation to the sending and receiving of Letters and Packets free from the Duty of Postage,
it is, amongst other Things, enacted,
That no Letters or Packets sent by the
Post, to or from any Place whatsoever,
shall be exempted from paying the Duty
of Postage, except such Letters and Pac-
kets as are therein excepted : And whereas
a Post-office in the Kingdom of Ireland is
intended to be established, independant of

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that of *Great Britain*, in which Case it will be necessary that proper Regulations be made for carrying on the Correspondence by Post, between *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, and that no Letters or Packets (except in the Cases herein-after to be mentioned) should pass free of Postage from the one Kingdom to the other : For which Purpose, may it please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That, immediately from and after the Establishment of a General Post-office in *Ireland*, by the Authority of the Parliament of that Kingdom, so much of the said Act, made in the Fourth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, as relates to Letters and Packets, printed Votes, Proceedings in Parliament, and printed Newspapers, passing by the Post free from the Duty of Postage, from *Great Britain* to *Ireland*, and from *Ireland* to *Great Britain*, shall be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Part of the recited Act repealed from the Establishment of a General Post-office by the *Irish* Parliament.

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II. And whereas the Conveyance of Letters and Packets from *Great Britain* to *Ireland*, and from *Ireland* to *Great Britain*, is intended to be defrayed at the Expence of the Revenue of *Great Britain*, be it therefore further enacted, That nothing herein contained shall deprive, or be construed to deprive, the Postmaster-general for the Time being, and his Deputies, of the Postage and Conveyance of Letters and Packets from *Great Britain* to *Ireland*, and from *Ireland* to *Great Britain*, or prevent the said Postmaster-general, and his Deputies, from demanding, having, receiving, and taking, for the Use of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, the Rates by any Act or Acts of Parliament payable for the same.

Not to deprive the Postmaster-general of the Postage to and from *Ireland*.

III. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for His Majesty's Postmaster-general, and his Deputies, and he and they are hereby required to demand and receive, for the Port and Conveyance of all Letters and Packets for *Great Britain*, carried by the Post within any Part of *Ireland*, in Addition to the Rates of Postage hereby reserved, such

Certain additional Rates allowed to the Postmaster-general, to be accounted for to the Post-office in *Ireland*.

further Rates of Postage as shall, upon the Establishment of a Post-office in *Ireland*, be charged for Conveyance of Letters and Packets therein, by any Act or Acts to be hereafter made by the Parliament of that Kingdom; and that His Majesty's Postmaster-general shall, and he is hereby authorised and required to account for and pay to the Revenue of the Post-office of *Ireland* quarterly, such Postage so to accrue within the Kingdom of *Ireland*, and to be received within that of *Great Britain*.

A temporary Allowance to be made to the Post-office in *Ireland*.

IV. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That, until the General Post-office of *Ireland* shall have established Packet Boats for the Port and Conveyance of Letters and Packets from *Ireland* to *Great Britain*, there shall be allowed in Account, from the General Letter-office or Post-office in *Great Britain*, to the Revenue of the Post-office in *Ireland*, a Sum not exceeding Four thousand Pounds *per Annum*, by quarterly Payments, in lieu as well of the Profits of the said Packets, as in Compensation for other Purposes.

General Post-office in *Ireland* to be conveyed to the Postmas-

V. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Postmaster-general of *Great Britain*, and all and every other

other Person and Persons in whom the Buildings erected in *Dublin*, and known by the Name of *The General Post-office in Ireland*, are or shall be vested, shall, and he and they are hereby severally authorised and required, so soon as a Post-office shall be established in *Ireland*, by Authority of the Parliament of that Kingdom, to assign over and convey to the Postmaster-general of *Ireland* for the Time being, for the Use of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, without any Consideration being paid for the same, all and singular the said Buildings, and all Right, Title, and Interest whatsoever, in and to the same.

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VI. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for His Majesty's Postmaster-general for the Time being to authorise certain Persons to send and receive printed Votes, Proceedings in Parliament, and printed Newspapers, by the Post, to and from *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, at the Rate of One Penny only for each printed Vote and Proceeding in Parliament, and each printed Newspaper, over and above the printed Price thereon, to be carried to the Revenue of the Post-office of *Great Britain*;

Postmaster-general may authorise certain Persons to send and receive printed Votes, &c. to and from *Ireland*.

Britain; and all printed Votes and Proceedings in Parliament, and printed Newspapers, so sent and received, shall be free from any other Rate of Postage whatsoever.

Any Person may send printed Votes, &c. by the Post, for 1 d. each, provided the Packets are open at each End,

VII. Provided, That it shall and may be lawful for any Person whatsoever to send any printed Votes, Proceedings in Parliament, and printed Newspapers, by the Post, to and from *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, at the Rate of one Penny only for the Carriage of each printed Vote and Proceeding in Parliament, and each printed Newspaper; such printed Votes, Proceedings, and printed Newspapers, when so sent, to be open at both Ends; the Penny required to be paid for the Carriage of the same to be paid when the said printed Votes, Proceedings in Parliament, and printed Newspapers, shall be put into the Post-office; which printed Votes, Proceedings in Parliament, and printed Newspapers, shall be marked *Post paid*, and the Money received thereon shall be carried to the Revenue of the Post-office of *Great Britain*.

ANNO REGNI
GEORGII III. Regis
Magnæ Britanniae, Franciæ, & Hiberniæ,
VICESIMO QUARTO.

At the Parliament begun and holden at *Westminster*,
the Thirty-first Day of *October*, *Anno Domini*
1780, in the Twenty-first Year of the Reign of
our Sovereign Lord *GEORGE* the Third, by
the Grace of God, of *Great Britain, France,*
and *Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, &c.

And from thence continued, by several Prorogations,
to the Eleventh Day of *November* 1783; being the
Fourth Session of the Fifteenth Parliament of *Great*
Britain.



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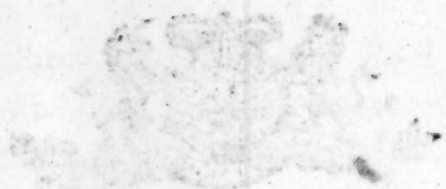
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VERBIS QUARTO

At the Parliament begun and holden at Westminster
the Third Day of October, these Dates
1780, in the Twenty-third Year of the Reign of
our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Third, by
the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France
and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c.

And from hence continued, by His Majesty's Letters
under the Great Seal of Great Britain, bearing the
Fourth Year of the said Majesty's said Majesty of Great
Britain.



LONDON:
Printed by G. GARRICK, at the NEW STAIRCASE,
in Pall-mall.

ANNO VICESIMO QUARTO

GEORGE III. Regis.

SESS. II. C A P. VIII.

An Act for establishing certain Regulations concerning the Portage and Conveyance of Letters and Packets by the Post between Great Britain and Ireland.



HEREAS by an Act, made Preamble.

in the Twenty-fourth Year
of the Reign of His present
Majesty, intituled, *An Act*
for establishing certain Regula-

Recital of
Cap. 6, of
last Session.

tions concerning the Portage and Conveyance of Letters and Packets by the Post between Great Britain and Ireland, it is enacted, That, immediately from and after the Establishment of a General Post Office in Ireland by the Authority of the Parliament of that Kingdom, so much of an Act made in the Fourth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, An Act for preventing Frauds and Abuses in relation to the sending and receiving of Letters and Packets

4 Geo. III,
Cap. 24.

Packets free from the Duty of Postage, as relates to Letters and Packets passing by the Post, free from the Duty of Postage, from *Great Britain* to *Ireland*, and from *Ireland* to *Great Britain*, shall be repealed: And whereas certain Persons who, by virtue of their respective Offices in *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, now send and receive Letters and Packets which relate to the Business of their respective Offices, free from the Duty of Postage, from *Great Britain* to *Ireland*, and from *Ireland* to *Great Britain*, will, by the said recited Act of the Twenty-fourth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, upon the Establishment of a General Post Office in *Ireland*, be deprived from sending and receiving Letters and Packets free from the Duty of Postage: And whereas the publick Business makes it expedient that such Letters and Packets should pass free of Postage from any Part of *Great Britain* to *Ireland*, and from *Ireland* to any Part of *Great Britain*; be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by

by the Authority of the same, That, from and after the Establishment of a General Post Office in *Ireland*, it shall and may be lawful to and for certain Persons who, by virtue of their respective Offices in *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, send and receive Letters and Packets, free from the Duty of Postage, under the said recited Act of the Fourth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, or under any other Act or Acts passed since the passing of the said Act, and for His Majesty's Postmaster General of the Kingdom of *Ireland*, the Secretary of the General Post Office of *Ireland*, and the Surveyors of the said General Post Office, and for the under Secretary and first Clerk for the Military Department of the Office of the Chief Secretary of the Lieutenant General or other Chief Governor or Governors of the said Kingdom, all for the Time being, to send and receive, by the Post, Letters and Packets from any Part of *Great Britain*, to *Ireland*, and from *Ireland* to any Part of *Great Britain*, free from the Duty of Postage for and on Account of the Post Office of *Great Britain*: Provided that all such Letters and Packets so sent shall relate to the Business of

Certain Officers in *Great Britain* and *Ireland* allowed to send and receive Letters, &c. to and from *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, free from the British Post Office Duty:

Provided such Letters are certified to be

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of their respective Offices, and that there shall be certified, on the Outside of such Letters and Packets, under the Hand Writing of such Officers respectively, to be on His Majesty's Service; and that such Letters and Packets shall be sealed with the Seal of the Office or Officer sending the same: And in case any such Officers shall receive, under Cover to them, any Letters or Packets intended for or directed to other Persons, all such Officers are hereby authorised and required to send the same to the General Post Office in *London or Dublin*, in order that such Letters and Packets may be charged with the Duty of Postage; it being the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, that the Privilege of sending and receiving Letters and Packets by such Officers shall extend to such Letters and Packets only as relate to the Business of their respective Offices.

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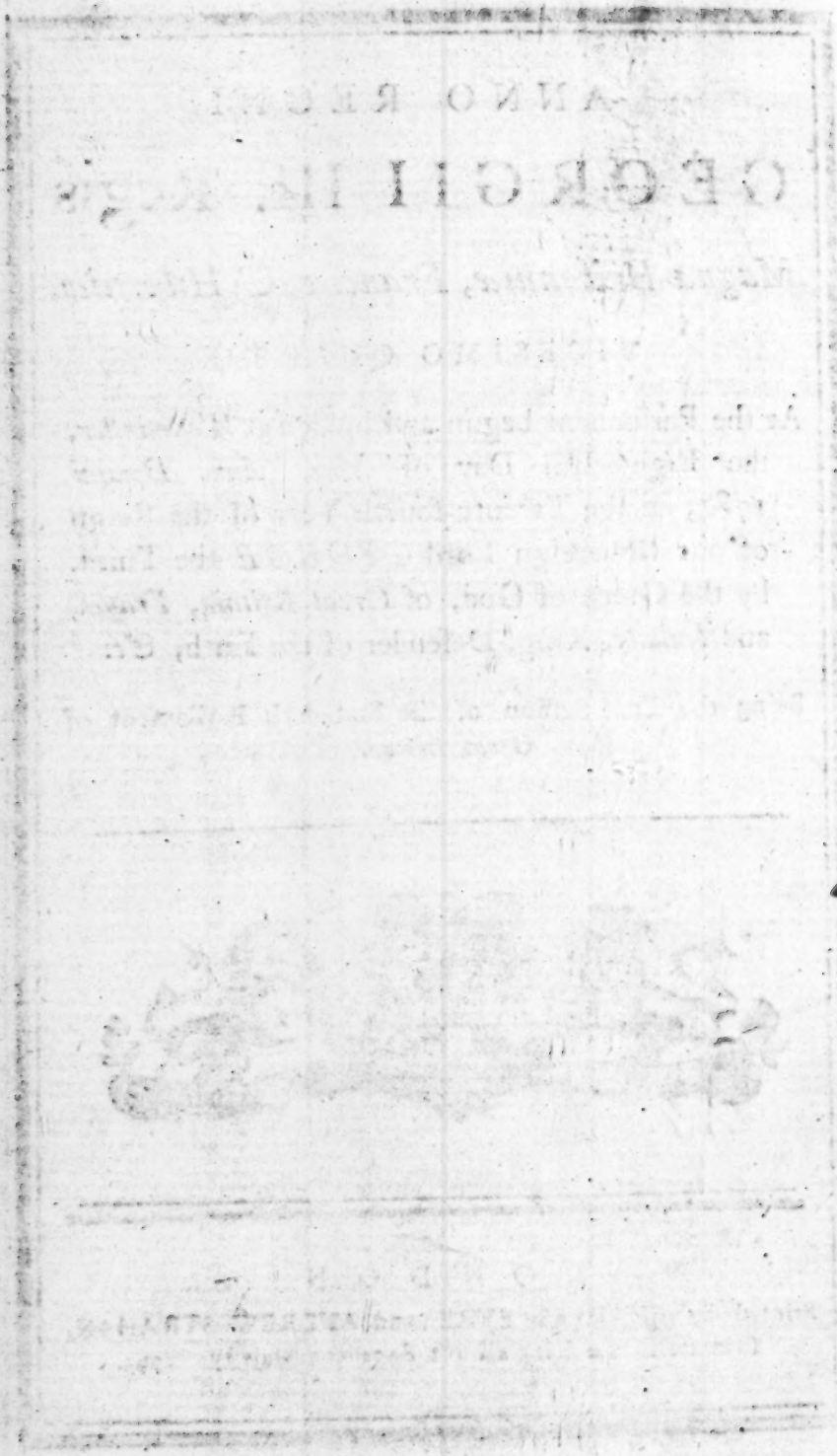
At the Parliament begun and holden at *Westminster*,
the Eighteenth Day of *May*, *Anno Domini*
1784, in the Twenty-fourth Year of the Reign
of our Sovereign Lord *GEORGE* the Third,
by the Grace of God, of *Great Britain, France,*
and *Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, &c.

Being the First Session of the Sixteenth Parliament of
Great Britain.



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SESS. II. C A P. XXXVII.

An Act for granting to His Majesty certain additional Rates of Postage for Conveyance of Letters and Packets, by the Post, within the Kingdom of Great Britain; for preventing Frauds in the Revenue, carried on by the Conveyance of certain Goods in Letters and Packets; and for further preventing Frauds and Abuses in relation to the sending and receiving of Letters and Packets free from Postage.

Most Gracious Sovereign,



E, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of Great Britain, in Parliament assembled, towards raising, by the most easy Means, the necessary Supplies to defray Your Majesty's publick Expences,

Preamble.

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From Aug. 31,
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all Letters and
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Great Britain;
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have freely and voluntarily resolved to give and grant unto Your Majesty the additional Rates and Duties herein-after mentioned; and do most humbly beseech Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That, from and after the Thirty-first Day of *August* One thousand seven hundred and eighty-four, it shall and may be lawful to and for His Majesty's Postmaster General, and his Deputy and Deputies by him thereunto sufficiently authorised, to and for the Use of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, to demand, have, receive, and take, for the Port and Conveyance of all such Letters and Packets which he shall convey, carry, or send Post within the Kingdom of *Great Britain*, according to the several Rates and Sums hereafter mentioned, the same being rated by the Letter or by the Ounce, in Addition to all other Rates and Duties, now payable for the Conveyance of Letters and Packets by the Post within the said King-

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dom, by any Act or Acts of Parliament now in Force; that is to say;

For the Port and Conveyance of every Single Letter, so conveyed or carried by the Post as aforesaid, not exceeding One whole Post Stage from the Office where such Letter may be put in, within the said Kingdom of *Great Britain*, the Sum of One Penny:

For One
Post Stage;
Single Letter,
1 d.;

For every Double Letter, Two-pence:

Double, 2 d.;

For every Treble Letter, Three-pence:

Treble, 3 d.;

And for every Ounce in Weight, Four-pence; and so in Proportion for every Packet of Deeds, Writs, or other Things:

Ounce Wt. 4 d.

And for the Port and Conveyance of every Single Letter, conveyed or carried by the Post above One Post Stage, and not exceeding Two Post Stages, from the Office where such Letter may be put in, within that Part of the said Kingdom of *Great Britain* called *England*, the Sum of One Penny:

Two Post
Stages,
(in *England*);
Single Letter,
1 d.;

For every Double Letter, Two-pence:

Double, 2 d.;

For every Treble Letter, Three-pence:

Treble, 3 d.;

And for every Ounce in Weight, Four-pence; and so in Proportion for every Packet of Writs, Deeds, or other Things:

Ounce Wt. 4 d.

Eighty Miles;
Single Letter,
1d.;

And for the Port and Conveyance of every Single Letter, conveyed or carried by the Post above Two Post Stages, and not exceeding Eighty *English* Miles, distant from the Office where such Letter may be put in, within that Part of the said Kingdom of *Great Britain* called *England*, the Sum of One Penny:

Double, 2d.;

Treble, 3d.;

Ounce W^t. 4d.

For every Double Letter, Two-pence:

For every Treble Letter, Three-pence:

And for every Ounce in Weight, Four-pence; and so in Proportion for every Packet of Writs, Deeds, or other Things:

150 Miles;
Single Letter,
1d.;

And for the Port and Conveyance of every Single Letter, conveyed or carried by the Post above Eighty *English* Miles, and not exceeding One hundred and fifty *English* Miles distant from the Office where such Letter may be put in, within that Part of the said Kingdom of *Great Britain* called *England*, the Sum of One Penny:

Double, 2d.;

Treble, 3d.;

Ounce W^t. 4d.

For every Double Letter, Two-pence:

For every Treble Letter, Three-pence:

And for every Ounce in Weight, Four-pence; and so in Proportion for every Packet of Writs, Deeds, or other Things:

Above 150
Miles;
Single Letter,
2d.;

And for the Port and Conveyance of every Single Letter, conveyed or carried

by the Post above One hundred and fifty *English* Miles distant from the Office where such Letter may be put in, within that Part of the said Kingdom of *Great Britain* called *England*, the Sum of Two-pence:

For every Double Letter, Four-pence: Double, 4*d.*;

For every Treble Letter, Sixpence: Treble, 6*d.*;

And for every Ounce in Weight, Eight-pence; and so in Proportion for every Packet of Writs, Deeds, or other Things: Ounce Wt. 8*d.*

And for the Port or Conveyance of every Single Letter, conveyed or carried by the Post from the General Post Office in the City of *London* unto the City of *Edinburgh*, in that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*, or from thence to the said General Post Office in the said City of *London*, and to and from *Dumfries* and *Cockburnspeth*, and between either of those Places and the said City of *Edinburgh*, the Sum of One Penny:

From *London* to *Edinburgh*, &c. Single Letter, 1*d.*;

For every Double Letter, Two-pence: Double, 2*d.*;

For every Treble Letter, Three-pence: Treble, 3*d.*;

And for every Ounce in Weight, Four-pence; and so in Proportion for every Packet of Writs, Deeds, or other Things: Ounce Wt. 4*d.*

And for the Port and Conveyance of every Single Letter, conveyed or carried by Fifty *Eng-lish* Miles, (in *Scotland*);

Single Letter,
1 d.;

by the Post above One Post Stage, and not exceeding Fifty English Miles, distant from the Office where such Letter may be put in, within that Part of the said Kingdom of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*, the Sum of One Penny :

Double, 2 d.;

For every Double Letter, Two-pence :

Treble, 3 d.;

For every Treble Letter, Three-pence :

Ounce Wt. 4 d.

And for every Ounce in Weight, Four-pence ; and so in Proportion for every Packet of Writs, Deeds, or other Things :

Eighty Miles ;
Single Letter,
1 d.;

And for the Port and Conveyance of every Single Letter, conveyed or carried by the Post above Fifty English Miles, and not exceeding Eighty English Miles, distant from the Office where such Letter may be put in, within that Part of the said Kingdom of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*, the Sum of One Penny :

Double, 2 d.;

For every Double Letter, Two-pence ;

Treble, 3 d.;

For every Treble Letter, Three-pence ;

Ounce Wt. 4 d.

And for every Ounce in Weight, Four-pence ; and so in Proportion for every Packet of Writs, Deeds, or other Things :

150 Miles ;
Single Letter,
1 d.;

And for the Port and Conveyance of every Single Letter, conveyed or carried by the Post above Eighty English Miles, and not exceeding One hundred and fifty English Miles,

English Miles, distant from the Office, where such Letter may be put in, within that Part of the said Kingdom of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*, the Sum of One Penny:

For every Double Letter, Two-pence: Double, 2 d. ;

For every Treble Letter, Three-pence: Treble, 3 d. ;

And for every Ounce in Weight, Four-pence; and so in Proportion for every Packet of Writs, Deeds, or other Things:

And for the Port and Conveyance of every Single Letter, conveyed or carried by the Post above One hundred and fifty *English* Miles distant from the Office where such Letter may be put in, within that Part of the said Kingdom of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*, the Sum of Two-pence:

Above 150 Miles;
Single Letter, 2 d. ;

For every Double Letter, Four-pence: Double, 4 d. ;

For every Treble Letter, Sixpence: Treble, 6 d. ;

And for every Ounce in Weight, Eight-pence; and so in Proportion for every Packet of Writs, Deeds, or other Things, Ounce Wt. 8 d.

II, Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Letter or Packet (not passing through *London*), to or from *Glasgow*, or the intermediate Places by the Way of *Carlisle*, shall pay an higher Rate

Restrictions relative to Letters to or from *Glasgow*, &c.

of Postage than if the same had passed through *Edinburgh*, to or from *Glasgow*; and that no Letter or Packet, passing to or from *Edinburgh*, or any intermediate Places in *England* and *Scotland*, North of *London*, shall be subject to an higher Rate of Postage than Seven-pence for a Single Letter, and so in Proportion.

No Letter under One Ounce to be charged higher than as a Treble Letter, &c.

III. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Letter or Packet, together with the Contents thereof, shall be taxed or rated at an higher Rate of Postage, according to the Rates and Duties granted by any former Act or Acts of Parliament, or by this present Act, than as a Treble Letter, unless the same shall be One Ounce in Weight; and that all Letters and Packets of the Weight of One Ounce shall be rated as Four Single Letters, and so in Proportion for every Quarter of an Ounce above the Weight of One Ounce, reckoning each Quarter of an Ounce as a Single Letter.

Directions relative to foreign Letters suspected of containing prohibited Goods, &c.

IV. And, for the Prevention of Frauds on the Revenue, by the Importation into this Kingdom, in Letters or Packets sent by the Post, of Goods which are prohibited to be imported, or on the Importation

tation of which a Duty is payable; be it further enacted, That, from and after the passing of this Act, whenever any foreign Letter or Packet, containing any Inclosure, shall be received at any of the Offices of the General Post Office, it shall and may be lawful for any of the Officers employed in the said Office to carry such Letter or Packet to any Justice of Peace, or other Magistrate for the Town, District, or County, in which such Office shall be situate, and to make Oath before such Magistrate, that he suspects the same to contain Goods which are prohibited to be imported, or on the Importation of which a Duty is payable; and it shall then be lawful for him, in the Presence of the said Magistrate, to cut with a Penknife in and through the Folds of the said Letter or Packet, and its Inclosure or Inclosures, One Opening or Slit not exceeding Two Inches in Length; and if it shall then appear to the said Magistrate that any such Goods as aforesaid are contained therein, he shall proceed forthwith to open the said Letter or Packet, and shall immediately, in Presence of the said Officer, destroy such

If any such Goods found therein, they are to be destroyed.

such Goods ; and in such Case, the Magistrate shall inclose such Letter or Packet in a Cover, in which shall be written an Attestation signed by him, containing the Name of the Officer by whom such Letter or Packet shall have been brought to him, the Time of its being so brought, and the Quantity and Description of the Goods found therein, and attesting that the same were then by him destroyed, and shall deliver the said Letter or Packet so inclosed, and also sealed by him, to the said Officer, to be by him forwarded to the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs, who shall, on the Receipt thereof, cause to be paid to the said Officer any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, nor less than Ten Shillings.

If no such Goods are found, the Magistrate shall inclose the Letter in a Cover, with a proper Attestation.

V. And be it further enacted, That if, on making such Opening as aforesaid in such Letter or Packet, no such Goods shall be found therein, the said Magistrate shall then inclose the same in a Cover, with an Attestation signed by him, that the Opening in such Letter or Packet was made in his Presence, and shall deliver the same, sealed up, to the said Officer, to be transmitted by the ordinary Course of the Post

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to the Person or Persons to whom such Letter or Packet shall have been directed when it was received at the Post Office: Provided always, That no additional Postage shall be charged on any such Letter or Packet in consequence of these Proceedings, nor shall any Letter or Packet be detained thereby beyond the due and regular Course of the Post, except in Cases of the most urgent Necessity.

VI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing herein-before contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to alter, or in anywise to affect the Rates or Sums to be paid for Letters or Packets passing by the Carriage called *The Penny Post*.

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VII, And whereas, notwithstanding the several Provisions made in an Act passed in the Fourth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act for preventing Frauds and Abuses in relation to the sending and receiving of Letters and Packets free from the Duty of Postage*, divers Persons have presumed to counterfeit the Hand Writing, and otherwise fraudulently to make use of the Names of Members of Parliament in the Superscription

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tion of Letters and Packets sent by the Post, with Intent to avoid the Payment of the Duty of Postage; in order therefore to put the more effectual Stop to these Frauds and Abuses, be it further enacted, That, from and after the End of this present Session of Parliament, so long as the Revenue arising in the General Letter Office, or Post Office, or Office of Postmaster General, shall continue to be carried to, and made Part of, the Aggregate Fund, no Letter or Packet, sent by the Post from any Place whatsoever within the Kingdom of *Great Britain*, directed by any Member of either of the Two Houses of Parliament of *Great Britain*, shall be exempted from paying the Duty of Postage according to the Rates established by the several Acts of Parliament now in Force, and by this present Act, unless the Whole Superscription upon every Letter or Packet so sent shall be of the Hand Writing of the Member directing the same, and shall have indorsed thereon the Name of such Member, together with the Name of the Post Town from which the same is intended to be sent, and the Day, Month, and Year, when the same shall be to be

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VIII. And be it enacted, That the several Persons who, by virtue of any Act or Acts

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Writing of any Person whatsoever, in the Supercription of any Letter or Packet to be sent by the Post, in order to avoid the Payment of the Duty of Postage, or shall forge, counterfeit, or alter, or shall procure to be forged, counterfeited, or altered, the Date upon the Supercription of any such Letter or Packet, or shall write and send by the Post, or cause to be written and sent by the Post, any Letter or Packet, the Supercription or Cover whereof shall be forged or counterfeited, or the Date upon such Supercription or Cover altered, in order to avoid the Payment of the Duty of Postage, knowing the same to be forged, counterfeited, or altered; every Person so offending, and being thereof convicted in due Form of Law, shall be deemed guilty of Felony, and shall be transported for Seven Years.

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X. And be it further enacted, That the several Rates and Duties herein-before granted shall be paid, from Time to Time, into the Hands of the Receiver General for the Time being of the Post Office, who shall pay out of such Rates and Duties (the necessary Charges of collecting, paying, and accounting for the same being first

Duties to be
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first deducted) the full, clear, and entire Weekly Sum of Two thousand three hundred Pounds, of lawful Money of Great Britain, into the Receipt of the Exchequer, for the Purposes in this Act mentioned, upon *Tuesday* in every Week, if it be not an Holiday, and if it be, then upon the next Day that is not an Holiday, as one Week shall successively and immediately follow and succeed another; the First of the said Weekly Payments to begin and be made on *Tuesday* the Thirtieth Day of *November* One thousand seven hundred and eighty-four; and in case the Rates and Duties hereby granted shall not be sufficient to answer the said Weekly Payments hereby directed to be made, that then and so often the Deficiency and Deficiencies thereof shall be supplied and made good out of the whole Receipt of the Rates and Duties of Postage; and in case the Rates and Duties hereby granted shall be more than sufficient to answer the said Weekly Payments, that then, and so often as it shall so happen, the Overplus shall be appropriated and applied to such and the same Uses as the present

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XI. And, to the End the said Weekly Sum of Two thousand three hundred Pounds may be made a Fund or Security for the Purposes herein expressed; be it further enacted, That there shall be provided and kept, in the Office of the Auditor of the Receipt of the Exchequer, a Book or Books, in which all the Monies which shall be paid in Weekly as aforesaid, for or upon account of the said Rates and Duties, shall be entered separate, apart, and distinct from all other Monies paid and payable to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, upon any Account whatsoever; and the said Weekly Payments shall be a Fund for the Payment of the several Annuities and all such other Charges and Expences as are directed to be paid and payable, pursuant to an Act of this present Session of Parliament, intituled, *An Act for raising a certain Sum of Money by way of Annuities, and for establishing a Lottery.*

A Book to be provided by the Auditor, in which the weekly Payments shall be entered separate from all others.

Application thereof.

XII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall at any Time or Times be sued, molested, or prosecuted,

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for any Thing by him or them done or executed in pursuance of this Act, or of any Clause, Matter, or Thing herein contained, such Person and Persons shall and may plead the General Issue, and give the Special Matter in Evidence for his or their Defence; and if upon the Trial a Verdict shall pass for the Defendant or Defendants, or the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall become nonsuited, then such Defendant or Defendants shall have Treble Costs awarded to him or them against such Plaintiff or Plaintiffs.

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Magnæ Britanniae, Franciæ, & Hiberniæ,

VICESIMO QUINTO.

At the Parliament begun and holden at *Westminster*, the Eighteenth Day of *May*, *Anno Domini* 1784, in the Twenty-fourth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *GEORGE* the Third, by the Grace of God, of *Great Britain, France, and Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, &c.

And from thence continued, by several Prorogations, to the Twenty-fifth Day of *January* 1785; being the Second Session of the Sixteenth Parliament of *Great Britain*.



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An Act to exempt Carriages, carrying the Mail, from paying Tolls at any Turnpike Gate in Great Britain.



WHEREAS by several Acts of Preamble.
Parliament, made for repairing particular Roads in this Kingdom, Carriages, Horses, and other Cattle, employed in the Conveyance of the Mail or Packet, are exempt from the Payment of the Tolls directed to be levied by such Acts: And whereas, by several other Acts of Parliament, Horses only that are employed in carrying the Mail or Packet are exempt from the Payment of the said Tolls: And whereas it may be of Advantage to the Publick that the Mail, or Packet, should be conveyed to different Parts of the Kingdom by Carriages or Publick Diligences, which

renders it expedient that all Carriages, as well as Horfes and other Cattle, conveying the Mail or Packet from One Part of this Kingdom to another, should be exempt from the Payment of Tolls at all and every Turnpike, Toll-gate, or Bar, erected or set up by Authority of Parliament; be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That, from and after the Fifteenth Day of *July* One thousand seven hundred and eighty-five, all Carriages of what Description soever, or Horfes, which shall be employed in conveying from One Part of this Kingdom to another the Mail or Packet, which shall be made up under the Authority or Direction of His Majesty's Postmaster General, or his Deputy or Deputies, shall be, and the same are hereby exempted, freed, and discharged from the Payment of any Tolls whatsoever that shall or may be demanded for the Passage of Carriages or Horfes, through any Turnpike, Toll-gate, or Bar, at which any Toll is collected by any Act

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And from thence continued, by several Prorogations, to the Twenty-fifth Day of *January* 1785; being the Second Session of the Sixteenth Parliament of *Great Britain*.



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 the Twenty-fifth Day of January 1764, during the
 Second Session of the Sixteenth Parliament of Great
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An Act for granting to His Majesty a certain Sum of Money out of the Sinking Fund; and for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the Service of the Year One thousand seven hundred and eighty-five; and for further appropriating the Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament; and for providing a Compensation to the Clerks in the Offices of the Principal Secretaries of State, for the Advantages such Clerks enjoyed before the Commencement of an Act made in the Twenty-fourth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, for establishing certain Regulations concerning the Portage and Conveyance of Letters and Packets by the Post, between Great Britain and Ireland.

[So much thereof as relates to the Post Office.]

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ND whereas by an Act passed in the Fourth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, (intituled,

Recital of
4 Geo. III,
Cap. 24.

An Act for preventing Frauds and Abuses in relation to the sending and receiving of Letters and Packets free from the Duty of Postage), it was enacted, That it should be lawful for the Clerks in the Offices of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State to frank printed Votes, Proceedings in Parliament, and printed Newspapers, to be sent by the Post in such Manner as they had theretofore been accustomed: And whereas by an Act of Parliament, passed in the Twenty-fourth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, (intituled, *An Act for establishing certain Regulations concerning the Portage and Conveyance of Letters and Packets by the Post between Great Britain and Ireland*), the said recited Clause is repealed, whereby the Privilege enjoyed by such Clerks of franking printed Votes, Proceedings in Parliament, and printed Newspapers, into Ireland is wholly taken away; as a Re-compence

24 Geo. III,
Cap. 8.

compence therefore for the Loss of such Privileges, and as a Compensation for the Advantages heretofore arising therefrom, be it further enacted, That there shall be, and is hereby charged upon the Revenues arising in the General Letter-office or Post-office, or Office of Postmaster General, the Sum of One thousand Pounds *per Annum*, which shall be payable thereout to His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State for the Time being, in equal Proportions, to be distributed by such respective Secretaries of State among the Clerks in their Offices; which said annual Sum shall be made in quarterly Payments, to be computed from the Fifth Day of *July* One thousand seven hundred and eighty-four; and that the Receiver General of the Revenues of the Post-office for the Time being shall, upon any Warrant or Warrants under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, countersigned by any Three or more of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, or by the Lord High Treasurer for the Time, make such quarterly Payments to such Person or Persons as shall be appointed by such Secretaries of State for the Time being to receive

Post-office to pay 1000 *l.* *per Ann.* to the Secretaries of State, to be distributed by them amongst their Clerks.

their reſpective Proportions of the ſaid annual Sum; ſuch Perſon or Perſons producing and delivering to ſuch Receiver a Receipt or Receipts under the Hands of ſuch Secretaries of State, and which Receipt or Receipts ſhall be a full Acquittance and Diſcharge to ſuch Receiver for the Payment of the Sum or Sums mentioned therein.

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the Office; which said annual Sum shall
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At the Parliament begun and holden at *Westminster*,
the Eighteenth Day of *May*, *Anno Domini*
1784, in the Twenty-fourth Year of the Reign
of our Sovereign Lord *GEORGE* the Third,
by the Grace of God, of *Great Britain, France,*
and *Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, &c.

And from thence continued, by several Prorogations, to
the Twenty-fourth Day of *January* 1786; being the
Third Session of the Sixteenth Parliament of *Great*
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An Act for the further preventing Frauds and Abuses attending the Payment of Wages, Prize Money, and other Allowances due for the Service of Petty Officers and Seamen on Board any of His Majesty's Ships.

[So much thereof as relates to the Post Office.]

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AND be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Letters and Packets addressed to, or sent by, the

Certain Letters to pass free of Postage.

Treasurer or Paymaster of the Navy, and Inspector of Seamen's Wills to be appointed under the Authority of this Act, shall be sent and received free from the Duty of Postage, in the same Manner and under the same Restrictions as the Clerk Assistant, and Chief Clerk without Doors, of the House of Commons of Great Britain now send and receive the same.

9 Geo. III.
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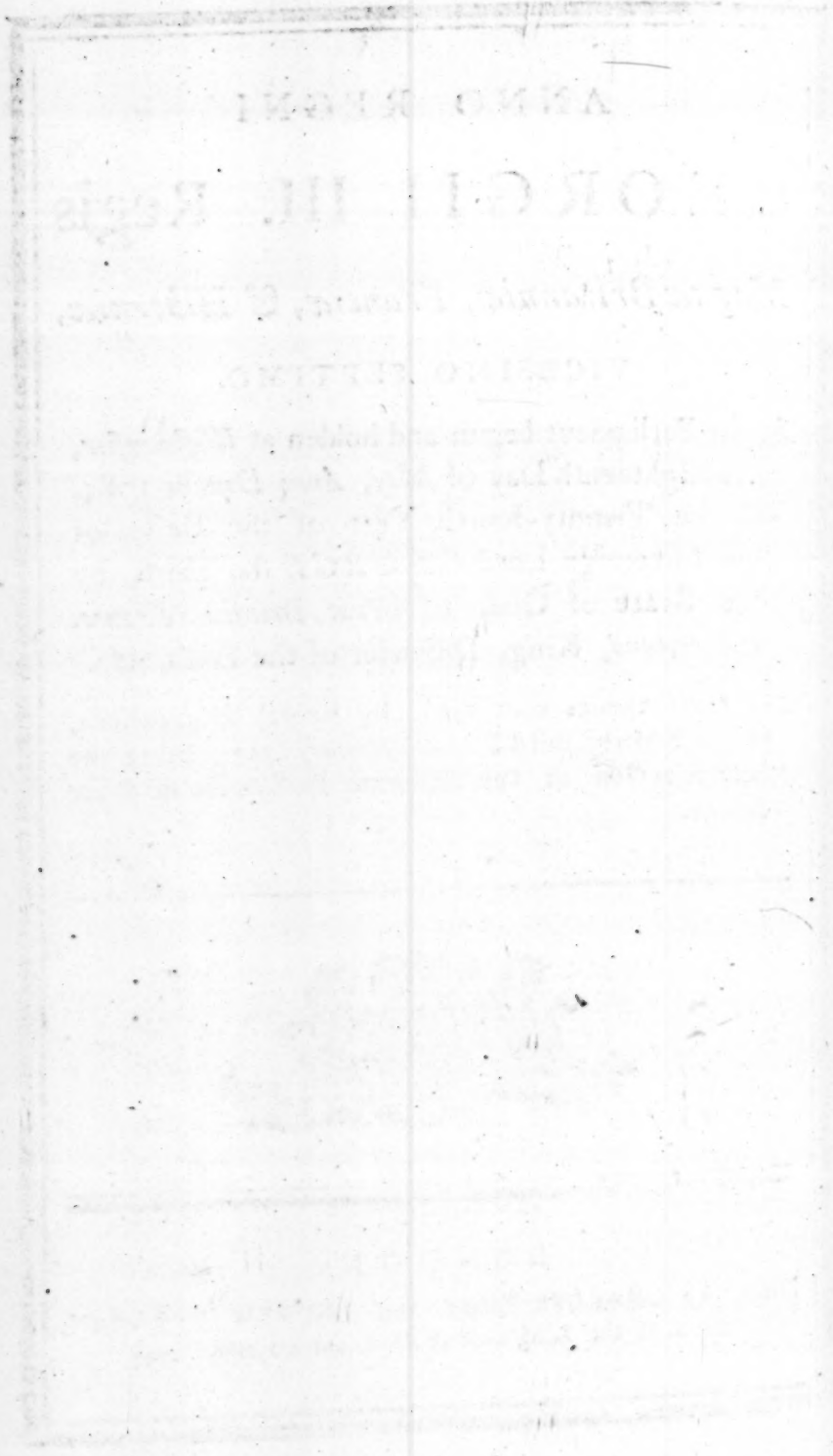
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the Grace of God, of *Great Britain, France,*
and *Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, &c.

And from thence continued, by several Prorogations,
to the Twenty-third Day of *January* 1787; being the
Fourth Session of the Sixteenth Parliament of *Great*
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*An Act for granting Rates of Postage for
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between Great Britain and the Port of
Waterford, in the Kingdom of Ireland,
by way of Milford Haven.*



HEREAS it hath been found Preamble.
necessary, for the Conve-
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Britain and Ireland*, to establish Packet
Boats between the Port of *Milford Haven*
in the County of *Pembroke*, and the Port
of *Waterford*, in the Kingdom of *Ireland*;
be it therefore enacted by the King's
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Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual
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From April 5,
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prefent Parliament affembled, and by the Authority of the fame, That, from and after the Fifth Day of *April* One thousand feven hundred and eighty-feven, it fhall and may be lawful to and for His Majesty's Postmafter General, and his Deputy and Deputies, by him thereunto fufficiently authorifed, to and for the Ufe of His Majesty, His Heirs and Succelfors, to demand, have, receive, and take, for the Port and Conveyance of all and every the Letters and Packets that fhall be carried or conveyed, by Packet Boats, to or from the Port of *Milford Haven* aforefaid, or to or from any other convenient Port in the Kingdom of *Great Britain*, from or to the Port of *Waterford* aforefaid, or from or to any other convenient Port in the faid Kingdom of *Ireland*, (over and above all other Rates payable for the Portage and Conveyance of fuch Letters and Packets), according to the Rates and Sums hereafter mentioned, (the fame being rated either by the Letter or by the Ounce), that is to fay,

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For every Single Letter, Sixpence :

For every Double Letter, One Shilling :

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For every Treble Letter, One Shilling and Sixpence:

And for every Ounce, Two Shillings:

And so in Proportion for every Packet of Deeds, Writs, and other Things.

II. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Letter or Packet, sent by the Post from or to *London*, to or from the Port of *Waterford* aforesaid, by way of *Milford Haven*, shall be charged with an higher Rate of Postage than Letters and Packets sent from or to *London*, to or from *Dublin*, by the way of *Holyhead*, are now rated and liable to pay.

Postage of Letters from or to *London* or *Waterford*, by way of *Milford Haven*, not to exceed the Rates of Postage between *London* and *Dublin*, by way of *Holyhead*.

III. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Monies to arise by the Rates and Duties aforesaid, (except the Monies which shall be necessary to defray such Expences as shall be incurred in the Collection and Management of the same), shall be appropriated and applied to such and the same Uses as the present Rates and Duties of Postage are now, or shall be respectively made applicable.

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At the Parliament begun and holden at *Westminster*,
the Twenty-fifth Day of *November*, *Anno Domini*
1790, in the Thirty-first Year of the Reign
of our Sovereign Lord *GEORGE* the Third,
by the Grace of God, of *Great Britain, France,*
and *Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, &c.

Being the First Session of the Seventeenth Parliament of
Great Britain.



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Printers to the King's most Excellent Majesty. 1793.

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by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France
and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c.

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An Act for regulating the Importation and Exportation of Corn, and the Payment of the Duty on Foreign Corn imported, and of the Bounty on British Corn exported.

[So much thereof as relates to the Post Office.]

SECT.
LXXIX.



AND be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Receiver of Corn Returns to be

appointed under the Authority of this Act, to send by the Post to any Part of this Kingdom any printed Papers, containing an Account or Abstract of the Average Prices of Corn, or any of the other Articles in this Act specified, taken from the Returns transmitted to him by virtue of this Act, in Covers open at the Sides, which shall be signed by him on the Outside thereof, free from the Duty of Postage; and

Receiver of Corn Returns to send and receive Papers on the Business of this Act, free of Postage, under certain Restrictions.

and to receive and send all his Letters and Packets, from and to the Inspectors to be appointed by virtue of this Act, and from and to the Clerks of the Peace in the several Counties, Ridings, and Divisions in *England*, and from and to the Sheriffs or Steward Depute of the Counties and the Stewartry in *Scotland*, and from and to the Collectors and other Chief Officers of the Customs, and from and to the Mayors or other Chief Officers of the Cities and Towns, that are Counties of themselves, or have and enjoy an exempt Jurisdiction as aforesaid, and from and to the Treasurers of the several Counties, Ridings, Divisions, and Stewartry, as aforesaid, on the Business in which he is employed in pursuance of the Directions of this Act, free from the Duty of Postage, in the same Manner, and under such Restrictions, as are now by Law established respecting all other Letters, Packets, and printed Papers, sent and received by the Post free from the said Duty: Provided nevertheless, That all Letters and Packets so sent by the said Receiver of Corn Returns, shall be certified on the Outside thereof, in his Hand Writing, to

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that he signed with a seal provided for
the purpose and kept in his Office, an
impression or transcription of which
shall be previously lodged in the General
Office, and also that all letters and
papers received by the said Receiver
of the Bureau shall be certified on
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And from thence continued, by several Prorogations, to the Thirteenth Day of *December* 1792; being the Third Session of the Seventeenth Parliament of *Great Britain*.



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C A P. XXIX.

*An Act for enabling His Majesty to direct
the Issue of Exchequer Bills to a limited
Amount, for the Purposes and in the
Manner therein mentioned.*

[So much thereof as relates to the Post Office.]

SECT.
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AND be it further en-
acted, That the said
Commissioners shall
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from the Duty of Postage, provided that
such Letters and Packets as shall be sent
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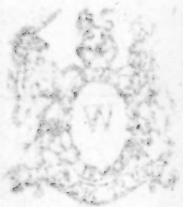
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An Act to enable the Postmaster General to send the Mail to the Dominions of His Catholick Majesty, on Board of any Vessels authorised by His Catholick Majesty to carry the same. [17th June 1793.]



HEREAS by an Act, passed Preamble:
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Queen *Anne*, intituled, *An* 9 *Anne*,
Act for establishing a General Cap. 10.

Post Office for all Her Majesty's Dominions, and for settling a Weekly Sum out of the Revenues thereof for the Service of the War, and other Her Majesty's Occasions; it is provided, That if the Packet or Mail shall be carried out of Great Britain into any Port or Place beyond the Seas in any Ship or Vessel which is not a free Ship, and
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navigated with such Seamen as by the
Laws of this Land the same are required to
be, that then, and in every such Case, the
Postmaster General for the time being
shall forfeit the Sum of One hundred
Pounds Sterling, the One Moiety to Her
Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, and
the other Moiety to him or them who
shall sue for the same, to be recovered in
such Manner as therein is mentioned: And
whereas it is in Contemplation to establish
Packet Boats between the Port of *Falmouth*
in *England* and *Corunna* in *Spain*, for the
Port of Letters, Packets, and Parcels of
Goods, to or from His Majesty's Do-
minions, and the Dominions of His Ca-
tholick Majesty; and it will tend much
to the Convenience of Trade and Com-
merce between the Two Kingdoms, if His
Majesty's Postmaster General shall be per-
mitted to send the Packet or Mail by Pac-
ket Boats, authorised and appointed by
His Catholick Majesty, whenever he shall
see Occasion; be it therefore enacted by
the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and
with the Advice and Consent of the Lords
Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons;
in this present Parliament assembled, and

by the Authority of the same, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Postmaster General for the Time being, or Persons holding the Office of Postmaster General, and he and they are hereby authorized and empowered from Time to Time, and as often as he or they shall see Occasion, to send the Packet or Mail intended for the Dominions of His Catholick Majesty from *Falmouth* aforesaid, by any Ship or Vessel belonging to His said Catholick Majesty, and duly authorized and employed by him, for the Purpose of carrying Packets or Mails between the Two Countries; any Thing in the said hereinbefore recited Act contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

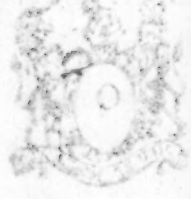
The Postmaster General may send the Mail to *Spain* by any Ships belonging to His Catholick Majesty.

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Viscount of Kilmorrie, 22 July 1804
secretary of State for the Kingdom of
Scotland, John Maitland, High Com-
missioner for holding the Parliament,
by virtue of a Commission under Their
Majesties Great Seal of Scotland, with
the Special Advice and Consent of
the Lords of Parliament.

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Act against robbery of the Post.

UR Sovereign, I and my Lady,
considering the great Abuse
that hath arisen to the
publick service and private
interest of Commerce, from
the quick and late Dispatch of Letters and
publick Orders by the Common Post, either
from this Kingdom, or to the same from
England or Ireland, or from one part of the
Kingdom to another: And that the rob-
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ACT made in the Third Session of the First Parliament of *William and Mary*, holden at *Edinburgh*, 3d *September* 1690, by *George Earl of Melvil*, Viscount of *Kirkcaldie*, &c. sole Secretary of State for the Kingdom of *Scotland*, Their Majesties High Commissioner for holding this Parliament, by virtue of a Commission under Their Majesties Great Seal of *Scotland*, with the Special Advice and Consent of the Estates of Parliament,

C A P. III.

Act against robbing of the Packet.



OUR Sovereign Lord and Lady, considering the great Advantage that doth arise to the publick Service and private Interest of Commerce, from the quick and safe Dispatch of Letters and publick Orders by the Common Post, either from this Kingdom, or to the same from *England* or *Ireland*, or from one Part of the Kingdom to another: And that the rob-

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bing or seizing of the Common Post, Mail or Packet, or any other Expresses, is a notorious Kind of Robbery, and most prejudicial to the Government and Commerce of the Kingdom: Therefore Their Majesties, with Advice and Consent of the Estates of Parliament, do declare, That the robbing or seizing the Mail or Packet, or the Letters and Dispatches going or coming by the Common Post, or any other Expresses, as aforesaid, is Robbery, and shall be punished with Death and Confiscation of Moveables.

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Several Clauses now in Force

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[Taken from various Acts of Parliament.]

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BY Stat. 13 ᄒ 14 *Car.* II, Cap. 11, Sect. 22, enacted, That no Ship, Vessel, or Boat, ordinarily employed for the Carriage of Packets or Letters, shall (unless allowed by the Persons employed to manage His Majesty's Customs) import or export any Goods or Merchandize into or out of the Parts beyond the Seas, upon the Penalty of One hundred Pounds, to be paid by the Master of the Vessel, with the Loss of his Place, and all Goods and Merchandize that shall be found on Board any such Ship, Vessel, or Boat, shall be forfeited.

BY 1 *Ann.* Sess. 1, Cap. 7, intituled, *An Act for the better Support of Her Majesty's Household, and of the Honour and Dignity of the Crown*, Sect. 7, it is enacted, That the Revenue of the Post

Office (amongst other Branches of the Publick Revenue therein mentioned), or any Part thereof, shall not hereafter be alienable or grantable by Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, for any Estate or Term whatsoever to endure longer than the Life of Her Majesty, or of such King or Queen as shall make such Alienation or Grant respectively; and that all Gifts, Grants, Alienations, Leases, and Assurances whatsoever, to be had or made of the said Revenues, or any Part thereof, contrary to the Provisions of this Act, or any of them, shall be null and void, without any Inquisition, *Scire facias*, or other Proceeding, to determine or make void the same.

BY Stat. 1 Geo. I, Cap. 1, Sect. 3, intituled, *An Act for the better Support of His Majesty's Household, and of the Honour and Dignity of the Crown of Great Britain*, it is enacted, That the hereditary Rates and Duties of Excise upon Beer, Ale, and other Liquors, with the Subsidy of Tonnage and Poundage, and other Duties upon Wines, Goods and Merchandizes granted to His Majesty for Life, and the Revenue

Revenue of the General Letter Office or Post Office, or Office of Postmaster General, and other small Branches of His Majesty's Revenue therein expressed, shall be for the Support of His Majesty's Household, and of the Honour and Dignity of His Crown; the said hereditary Duties and Duties of Excise granted for His Majesty's Life as aforesaid, and said Revenues of the Post Office, shall respectively be liable to the respective Incumbrances and Charges thereafter in said Act specified concerning the same.

By Sect. 5. enacted, That nothing in this Act should extend to hinder or obstruct the Payment of the Weekly Sum of Seven hundred Pounds into the Receipt of Exchequer, or the Application thereof to the Uses intended by the Acts of 9th of Queen *Anne* concerning the same, or to make void the Provision for reserving Third Part of the Surplus Money to be disposed by Parliament for the Use of the Public,

BY Stat. 1 *Geo. I.*, Cap. 12, Sect. 1, resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty for Life, an additional Revenue

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of One hundred and twenty thousand Pounds *per Annum*, which, together with the neat Produce of the Branches settled for the Uses of His Majesty's Civil Government by the late Act, may make up the clear yearly Sum of Seven hundred thousand Pounds, for the Service of His Majesty's Household and Family, and other His necessary Expences and Occasions.

By Sect. 25. enacted, That if the Revenues settled for the Service of His Majesty's Household, and of the Honour and Dignity of His Crown, by the late Act of the first Year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for the better Support of His Majesty's Household, and of the Honour and Dignity of the Crown of Great Britain*, together with the said additional Revenue of One hundred and twenty thousand Pounds *per Annum*, intended by this Act to be supplied as aforesaid, shall, from *Michaelmas* 1715, at any Time during His Majesty's Life, produce in clear Money more than the yearly Sum of Seven hundred thousand Pounds, that then the Overplus of such Produce shall be Part of the General or Aggregate Fund by this Act intended to be established; and that all
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Grants and Dispositions whatsoever hereafter to be made by His Majesty of such Overplus, or any Part thereof, from Time to Time, without Authority of Parliament, shall be utterly void and of none effect.

By Sect. 26. enacted, That if the Revenues settled for the Service of His Majesty's Household, &c. by the said Act, and the said additional Revenue of One hundred and twenty thousand Pounds *per Annum*, taken together, shall, at the End of any Year during His Majesty's Life, appear to have produced less than Seven hundred thousand Pounds, then, and as often as any such Deficiency shall happen, the same shall be provided for, answered, and made good by and out of the next Aids to be granted by Parliament.

BY Stat. 3*Geo.* I, Cap. 7, (amongst other Things), the Weekly Payment of Seven hundred Pounds out of the Post Office Revenue into the Exchequer, limited by the Act of 9th of Queen *Anne* to Thirty-two Years, is made perpetual, and all the Clauses and Powers contained in the said Act are also made perpetual.

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BY Stat. 7 *Geo. I*, Cap. 27, Sect. 19, enacted, That it shall be lawful for His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, by Warrant under the Great Seal, Privy Seal, or Royal Sign Manual, to cause a Deduction to be made, not exceeding Sixpence in the Pound, out of all Monies which, from and after the first Day of *August* 1721, shall be paid for or upon all Pensions and Annuities charged upon any of the hereditary or temporary Duties, and upon all Salaries, Fees, and Wages, payable for, or in respect of Offices of Profit granted by or deriyed from the Crown, and upon all other Payments from the Crown whatsoever, or any Arrearages of them, the Pay of Commission and Non-commission Officers, and private Men, serving in the Navy or Army, only excepted.

BY Stat. 12 *Geo. I*, Cap. 2, Sect. 1, enacted, That it shall be lawful for His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, to continue the Deductions of Sixpence in the Pound which by the last Act His Majesty was impowered to make upon all Pensions and Annuities charged on the Civil List Revenues,

Revenues, and upon all Salaries, Fees, and Wages, for the Purposes in the said Act mentioned.

By Sect. 26 of the same Stat. it is enacted, That the Monies arising from the said Deductions of Sixpence in the Pound, shall be appropriated for discharging the Annuities of $\pounds 3$ *per Cent.* in the said Act mentioned, till redeemed, and if the Deductions prove deficient, the same shall be made good out of the hereditary Revenues.

BY Stat. 1 *Geo.* II, Cap. 1, Sect. 4, it is enacted, That the hereditary Excise, and other Duties of Excise on Beer, Ale, and other Liquors, granted to His Majesty for Life, and the further Subsidy of Tonnage and Poundage, and other Duties upon Wines, Goods, and Merchandizes, and the yearly Sum of One hundred and twenty thousand Pounds thereby granted to His Majesty for Life, and the Revenue of the General Letter Office or Post Office, or Office of Postmaster General, and the small Branches of His Majesty's Revenues therein mentioned, and all Revenues which were settled for the Support of

of the late King's Household, and the Honour and Dignity of the Crown, shall be for the Support of His Majesty's Household, &c. but chargeable with the Payments or Incumbrances directed to be set apart out of the said Revenues by any former Act.

By Sect. 5, of the same Stat. it is enacted, That if the Produce of the Revenues thereby granted (above all Incumbrances), shall at any Time be so deficient, that within one Year, reckoning from *Midsummer* 1727, the same shall not be sufficient to satisfy the yearly Sum of Eight hundred thousand Pounds, such Deficiency shall be made good out of the next Aids to be granted in Parliament.

BY Stat. 22 *Geo. II*, Cap. 25, Sect. 1, reciting the Stat. of 9th of *Queen Anne*, for establishing the Post Office, it is enacted, That the said Act shall not restrain the letting out for Hire, Chaises or Calashes, or the furnishing Horses for drawing the same at any Stage upon any Post Road; but all Persons may let out for Hire, as well upon the Post Roads as elsewhere, Chaises duly licensed, with Horses

to draw the same, and may furnish and exchange Horses for that Purpose.

By Sect. 2, of the same Stat. it is enacted, That all Persons who let out Chaises or Calashes with Horses for Hire, may also let out Horses and Furniture for horsing Servants and others accompanying Persons who travel in such Chaises or Calashes, and may change such Horses and Furniture in Manner before mentioned.

By Sect. 3, it is provided, That this Act shall not extend to stay, or defeat, any Judgement or Verdict obtained by virtue of the recited Act of 9th of Queen *Anne*, on or before 25th *March* 1749, or the Proceedings thereon.

BY Stat. 31 *Geo.* II, Cap. 23, Sect. 1, enacted, That, from the 5th *April* 1758, there shall be yearly paid unto His Majesty the Sum of One Shilling, over and above all other Duties already payable, for every Twenty Shillings of the yearly Value or Amount of all Salaries, Fees, and Perquisites of Offices and Employments of Profit; and the like Sum of One Shilling for every Twenty Shillings of all Pensions, and other Gratuities, payable out of any
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Revenue belonging to His Majesty, exceeding One hundred Pounds *per Annum*.

By Sect. 2, enacted, That, for the better raising the said Duty, Deduction shall be made thereof out of the Salaries, Wages, or Fees of Offices and Employments payable by the Crown, and also out of any Pension or Gratuity payable out of any Revenue belonging to His Majesty exceeding the Value of One hundred Pounds *per Annum*; the Deductions so made by the Officers of the Exchequer in *England* to remain there for the Purposes therein-after mentioned, and such Deductions as shall be made by any other Persons by whom the Salaries and Pensions are payable in *England*, shall be by them paid into the Exchequer at *Westminster*.

By Sect. 3, enacted, That the Duty payable in respect of the Perquisites of Offices within *England, Wales, and Berwick upon Tweed*, is to be computed according to the annual Value at which the same stand rated in the last Assessment to the Land Tax: And they are to be deemed to have been therein rated at so much only as the entire Sum exceeds the

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By Sect. 4, enacted, That the Commissioners of the Land Tax for the several Counties, Cities, Towns, Boroughs, &c. within *England, Wales, and Berwick upon Tweed*, are appointed Commissioners for putting so much of this Act in Execution, as relates to the Duty charged upon the Perquisites of Offices.

By Sect. 23, enacted, That where any Person shall have or exercise Two or more Offices or Employments, the Salary and Perquisites whereof together exceed One hundred Pounds *per Annum*, such Person shall be rated and pay One Shilling in the Pound for the Profits thereof, notwithstanding the Salary and Perquisites of no One of them are of that Value.

By Sect. 24, Nothing in this Act is to extend to the Pay of Commission or Non-commission Officers, or private Men, serving in the Navy or Army.

BY Stat. 32 *Geo. II*, Cap. 33, Sect. 1, reciting the last Act, it is enacted, That all Sums which on 5th *July* 1759, and afterwards, shall become due and be deducted

ducted by virtue of the said Act in respect of the Salaries, Fees, Wages, Pensions, and Gratuities payable by the Crown, or out of any Revenue belonging to His Majesty in *England, Wales, or Berwick upon Tweed*, shall, by the Officers and Persons deducting the same, be paid into the Hands of a Receiver, to be for that Purpose appointed by His Majesty: And the several Commissioners and Persons making the Deductions are, at the Request of such Receivers, to deliver them a true Account of all the Salaries, Fees, Wages, annual Pensions, and Gratuities by them respectively payable, and of the Names of the Persons intitled to receive the same.

By Sect. 2, enacted, That all Sums which have been or ought to have been deducted under the said Act, in respect of Salaries, Fees, Wages, Pensions, and Gratuities, shall be accounted for to such Receivers, and the Accounts audited and passed by them, and not by the Auditors of the Imprests, or the Auditors of the Exchequer.

By Sect. 3, enacted, That if any Dispute shall arise, whether the Fees or Wages of any Office or Employment, or
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whether any Pension or Gratuity be chargeable under the said Act of 31 Geo. II, or under this Act, or touching the Sum which ought to be deducted thereout, such Disputes shall be heard by the Barons of the Exchequer in *England* or *Scotland* respectively, where the Office or Employment in Question is exercised, or the Pension or Gratuity is payable.

Sect. 5, sets forth, That the Manner prescribed by Stat. 31 Geo. II, Cap. 23, Sect. 3, for rating the Profits of Offices and Employments arising from Perquisites, hath not been found sufficient, and consequently the said Offices have not contributed in equal Proportion with those whereof the Profits arise from Salaries, Fees, and Wages payable by the Crown; therefore enacted, That the Commissioners of the Land Tax shall fix, according to their best Judgement and Discretion, the Sum Total of the Perquisites arising from each Office within their Districts, distinct from the Salary, Fees, and Wages thereunto belonging, independently of any former Valuation of the same to the Land Tax, and shall rate all Offices and Employments

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whereof the Perquisites shall exceed One hundred Pounds a Year at One Shilling for every Twenty Shillings arising thereby.

By Sect. 6, enacted, That the Receivers in all Publick Offices transmit to the Commissioners of the Land Tax an Account of all Offices and Employments where the Fees, Wages, and Salaries do not exceed One hundred Pounds a Year; and if the Commissioners find the Perquisites with the Salary certified by such Receivers to exceed together One hundred Pounds a Year, they are then to rate such Office and Employment, and cause the Duty of One Shilling in the Pound to be levied thereon.

By Sect. 7, In all future Assessments to the Land Tax, said Offices and Employments shall not be assessed at any higher Rates than they were assessed towards the Land Tax of 31 Geo. II.

By Sect. 8, By the Word Perquisites is meant such Profits of Offices and Employments as arise from Fees established by Custom or Authority, and payable either by the Crown or Subject, for Business done in the Course of executing such Offices and Employments.

No Military Officers to be charged with said Duty.

Nor any Pension, Annuity, &c. charged upon any of His Majesty's Revenues that have been by His Predecessors, or by Act of Parliament, granted in Fee, or Fee-tail, or till redeemed by Payment of any Sum mentioned in any Grant or Act of Parliament.

Nor any Offices or Employments in either of the Two Universities.

BY Stat. 1 *Geo.* III, Cap. 1, Sect. 1, reciting, amongst other Things, the Act of the 1st of *Geo.* I. whereby the Revenue arising by the Duties of Excise, General Letter Office, and the small Branches of His Majesty's Revenues, were declared to be for the Support of His Majesty's Household, and of the Honour and Dignity of the Crown, it is enacted, That, from His late Majesty's Decease, and during the Life of His present Majesty, the Rates and Duties therein mentioned shall be paid in the same Manner, and with such Allowances and Exemptions, as directed in the said Acts, or any Law in Force relating to the Excise; and all Laws shall be in

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Force for levying and recovering the said Duties.

By Sect. 3, the Revenue of the General Post Office, &c. and all other Branches and Revenues, which, on 24 Oct. 1760, stood settled towards the Support of the late King's Household, (except all Annuities charged on said Revenues), shall, for His present Majesty's Life, be carried to, and made Part of the Aggregate Fund established by Act of 1st of Geo. I. and be applied to the Uses to which the same is or shall be applicable; nevertheless the hereditary Duties, Duties of Excise, and said Revenues of the General Post Office, shall be liable to the several annual, weekly, or other Payments charged thereon by any former Act, in Manner and for the same Uses as the same were subject to at the Time of His late Majesty's Demise.

By Sect. 6, His Majesty is impowered to grant a Sum not exceeding Five thousand Pounds *per Annum*, to the Lord Chancellor, or Lord Keeper, to be paid by the Receiver of the Revenues of the General Post Office, out of the said Revenues, according to the Tenor of such Grant; which Payment is to be considered

sidered as Part of, and to be deducted from the annual Sum by this Act granted to His Majesty for the Support of his Civil Government.

BY Stat. 7 Geo. III, Cap. 42, intituled, *An Act to explain, amend, and reduce into One Act of Parliament, the several Statutes now in being for the Amendment and Preservation of the Publick Highways of this Kingdom; and for other Purposes therein mentioned*; Sect. 43, it is enacted, That if the Driver of any Cart, Car, Dray, or Waggon, shall ride upon any such Carriage in any Street or Highway, not having some other Person on Foot or on Horseback to guide the same (such Carriages as are respectively drawn by one Horse only, or by two Horses a-breast, and are conducted by some Person holding the Reins of such Horse or Horses, excepted); or, if the Driver of any Carriage whatsoever, on any Part of any Street or Highway, shall, by Negligence, or wilful Misbehaviour, cause any Hurt or Damage to any Person or Carriage passing or being upon such Street or Highway; or shall, by Negligence or wilful Misbehaviour, prevent, hinder or interrupt the free Passage of any other

Carriage, or of His Majesty's Subjects, on the said Highways; or if the Driver of any empty or unloaded Waggon, Cart, or other Carriage, shall refuse or neglect to turn aside and make way for any Coach, Chariot, Chaise, loaded Waggon, Cart or other loaded Carriage; any such Driver offending in any of the Cases aforesaid, and being convicted of such Offence, either by his own Confession, or by the Oath of one or more credible Witness or Witnesses, before any Justice of the Peace for the County, Riding, Division, City, Corporation, Precinct, or Liberty where such Offence shall be committed, shall, for every such Offence, forfeit any Sum not exceeding Ten Shillings, in case such Driver shall not be the Owner of such Carriage; and in case the Offender be the Owner of such Carriage, then any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings; or shall be committed to the House of Correction for any Time not exceeding One Month, at the Discretion of such Justice; and every such Driver offending in either of the said Cases, shall and may, by Authority of this Act, and without any other Warrant, be apprehended by any Person or Persons who shall see
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such Offence committed; and shall be immediately conveyed or delivered to a Constable, or other Peace Officer, in order to be conveyed before some Justice of the Peace, to be dealt with according to Law.

BY Stat. 20 Geo. III, Cap. 51, Sect. 57, intituled, *An Act for repealing an Act, made in the Nineteenth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, "An Act for granting to His Majesty certain Duties on Licences to be taken out by all Persons letting Horses to Hire, for travelling in the Manner therein mentioned; and certain Duties on all Horses let to Hire for the Purposes of travelling Post, and by Time; and upon certain Carriages therein mentioned;" and for granting other Duties in lieu thereof;* It is enacted, That so much of an Act made in the Ninth Year of the Reign of Her late Majesty Queen Anne, intituled, *An Act for establishing a General Post-office for all Her Majesty's Dominions, and for settling a Weekly Sum out of the Revenues thereof for the Service of the War, and other Her Majesty's Occasions,* as restrains any Persons other than the Postmaster General for the Time being, and the respective

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Deputies and Substitutes of such Postmaster General, from preparing or providing, or from letting to Hire, or furnishing Horses, or Furniture, for riding Post within this Kingdom, shall be and the same is hereby repealed and made void.

BY Stat. 27 Geo. III, Cap. 13, intituled, *An Act for repealing the several Duties of Customs and Excise, and granting other Duties in lieu thereof, and for applying the said Duties, together with the other Duties composing the Publick Revenue; for permitting the Importation of certain Goods, Wares and Merchandizes, the Produce or Manufacture of the European Dominions of the French King, into this Kingdom; and for applying certain unclaimed Monies, remaining in the Exchequer for the Payment of Annuities on Lives, to the Reduction of the National Debt.*

Seçt. 48. It is enacted, That during the Life of His present Majesty the Revenue of the Post Office (amongst other Branches of the Publick Revenue), shall be carried to and made Part of the Fund to be called *The Consolidated Fund*, created by this Act; and that from and after the
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Decease of His present Majesty, the Revenues therein-before mentioned, except as herein-after excepted, shall be paid and accounted for to the Heirs and Successors of His Majesty in like Manner as they were before the passing of an Act of the First Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for the Support of His Majesty's Household, and of the Honour and Dignity of the Crown of Great Britain.*

Sect. 50 recites the Statutes of 9 *Anne*, Cap. 10, Sect. 42, and 24 *Geo. III*, Cap. 37, Sect. 10; and also recites that it appears that the medium Produce of the Revenues of the Post Office for Two Years, ending on the Fifth Day of *January* One thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven, amounted to the Sum of Two hundred and seventy-eight thousand four hundred and eighty-two Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Four-pence Halfpenny, and the medium Produce for Two Years, ending on the Fifth Day of *January* One thousand seven hundred and eighty-four, to the Sum of One hundred and sixty-six thousand six hundred and thirty-one Pounds and Fourteen Shillings, which Increase was not sufficient to satisfy the Sum of Two thousand three hundred

hundred Pounds a Week, directed to be paid into the Exchequer by the recited Act of the 24 *Geo. III* ; it is therefore enacted, That, from and after the Demise of His present Majesty, there shall be paid into the Exchequer, out of the Revenues of the Post Office, at the End of each Quarter, ending on the Fifth Day of *January*, the Fifth Day of *April*, the Fifth Day of *July*, and the Tenth Day of *October* in each Year, the Sum of Thirty-eight thousand six hundred and twenty-six Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Ten-pence Farthing, being the quarterly Amount of the several Sums of Seven hundred Pounds a Week, as directed by the said recited Act of the 9th of *Anne*, of One hundred and eleven thousand eight hundred and fifty-one Pounds Three Shillings and Four-pence Halfpenny, the Annual Increase of the Post Office Revenue, in consequence of the Act of the 24 *Geo. III*, and of the Third Part of the Sum of Eighteen thousand seven hundred and sixty-nine Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Two-pence, being the Excess of the medium Produce of the said Revenue for Two Years, ending the Fifth Day of *January* One thousand seven hundred and eighty,

eighty-seven, after deducting the before mentioned Sums of Seven hundred Pounds a Week, and One hundred and eleven thousand eight hundred and fifty-one Pounds Three Shillings and Four-pence Halfpenny a Year; which Quarterly Sums of Thirty-eight thousand six hundred and twenty-six Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Ten-pence Farthing, shall, after the Demise of His present Majesty, be carried to and made Part of the Fund to be called *The Consolidated Fund*.

BY Stat. 28 Geo. III, Cap. 57, intituled, *An Act for limiting the Number of Persons to be carried on the Outside of Stage Coaches or other Carriages*, it is enacted, That, from and after the First Day of November 1788, if the Driver of any Coach, Chaise, or other Carriage of the like Sort, going or travelling for Hire, shall permit or suffer more than Six Persons, at one and the same Time, to ride or go upon the Roof, or more than two Persons, besides the Driver, on the Box of any such Coach, Chaise, or Carriage, going or travelling for Hire, every such Driver so offending, and being convicted of such Offence,

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fence, either by his own Confession, the View of a Justice of the Peace, or by the Oath or Oaths of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, before any Justice of the Peace, acting in and for the County, Riding, City, Town, Division, or Place where such Offence shall be committed (which Oath every such Justice is thereby authorized and required to administer), every such Driver shall, for every Person so riding or going as an Outside Passenger over and above the Number of Persons herein-before mentioned and allowed, forfeit and pay the Sum of Forty Shillings; and in case the Driver so offending shall also be the Owner of such Coach, Chaise, or other Carriage, then the Sum of Four Pounds; and in Default of Payment of the said Penalties respectively, the Person and Persons so offending, shall be committed to the Common Gaol, or House of Correction of the County, Riding, City, Town, Division, or Place where such Offence shall have been committed, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize for the Space of One Month, unless such Penalty shall be sooner paid.

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Sect. 2. If the Driver cannot be found or known, or being found or known, shall not attend in pursuance of any Summons which may be served upon him, requiring his Appearance before a Justice of the Peace, upon a Complaint and Information laid against him of any Offence committed against the said Act, then, and in every such Case, the Owner or Proprietor of such Coach, Chaise, or other such Carriage, shall be liable to the Penalty thereby laid upon such Driver.

Sect. 3. If any Constable, or other Peace Officer, shall refuse or neglect to execute any Warrant granted by any Justice of the Peace, pursuant to the Directions of the said Act, every such Person so offending, and being convicted thereof before One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace, either by his own Confession, or upon the Oath of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses (which Oath such Justice or Justices is and are thereby authorized and required to administer), shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of Forty Shillings; and in case the Person so convicted doth not forthwith pay, or secure to be paid, the said Penalty,

nalty, then it shall be lawful for such Justice or Justices of the Peace to commit such Person to the Common Gaol, or House of Correction of the County, &c. where such Offence shall be committed, there to remain, without Bail or Mainprize, for any Time not exceeding One Month, unless the said Penalty shall be sooner paid.

Sect. 4. One Half of the Penalties to go and be paid to the Informer, and the other Half to the Surveyor of the Highways of the Parish or Place where such Offence shall be committed, to be laid out and applied in the Amendment or Repair of the Public Roads or Highways within such Parish or Place respectively.

Sect. 5. The Forms of the Proceedings, relative to the several Matters contained in the said Act, which are set forth and expressed in the Schedule thereunto annexed, shall be used upon all Occasions with such Additions or Variations only as may be necessary to adapt them to the particular Circumstances of the Case; and no Objection shall be allowed to be made, or Advantage taken, on account of Want of Form only, in any such Proceedings.

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Sect. 16. The Act is declared to be a Publick Act.

BY Stat. 30 Geo. III, Cap. 36, intituled, *An Act to alter, explain, and amend an Act, made in the 28th Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, "An Act for limiting the Number of Persons to be carried on the Outside of Stage Coaches, or other Carriages;" and for regulating the Conduct of the Drivers and Guards thereof,* it is enacted, That, from and after the 29th of September 1790, if the Driver of any Coach, Chaise, or other Carriage of the like Sort, drawn by Three or more Horses, and going or travelling for Hire, shall permit or suffer more than one Person on the Coach Box besides himself, and Four Persons on the Roof; and if such Coach, Chaise, or other Carriage, shall be drawn by less than Three Horses more than one Person on the Coach Box, and Three Persons on the Roof (except the Driver of such Coach, Chaise, or other Carriage, drawn by less than Three Horses, which shall not go or travel a greater Distance than Twenty-five Miles from the Post Office in the City of London, and who

who shall not carry more than one Person on the Coach Box, and Four Persons on the Roof, at one and the same Time), to go or be conveyed by any such Coach, Chaise, or Carriage respectively, every such Driver shall pay to the Collector of the Tolls at every Turnpike Gate through which such Carriage shall pass, the Sum of Five Shillings for each and every Person above the Number so as above limited and allowed to be conveyed, which every such Collector is hereby authorized to ask, demand, and receive; and if any such Passenger or Passengers, beyond the Number so limited as aforesaid, shall be set down, or taken up, whereby the said Payment of the said Sum of Five Shillings may be evaded, then and in every such Case the Driver of such Carriage so offending, and being convicted of such Offence, either by his own Confession, the View of a Justice, or the Oath or Oaths of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, before any Justice of the Peace acting in and for the County, Riding, City, Town, Division or Place where such Offence shall be committed (which Oath every such Justice is hereby authorized and required

to administer) shall, for every such Offence, be committed to the Common Gaol or House of Correction of the County, &c. where such Offence shall have been committed, there to remain, without Bail or Mainprize, for any Time not exceeding One Calendar Month, nor less than Fourteen Days, at the Discretion of the Justice or Justices by or before whom such Offender shall be convicted.

Sect. 2. The said Sum of Five Shillings shall be collected, levied, and recovered in like Manner as the Turnpike Tolls, at the Gate where such Payment by the said Act is directed to be made, are by the Act for repairing such Road authorized to be collected, levied, and recovered.

Sect. 3. From and after the 29th September 1790, there shall be painted on the Outside of each of the Doors of every such Stage Coach or other Carriage (the Coaches carrying the Mail, under the Direction of the Postmaster General, excepted) in large and legible Characters, the Christian and Surname of the Proprietor, or of One of the Proprietors of such Coach or other Carriage; and in the Case of there being more than one Proprietor

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of such Coach or other Carriage, and any one of them shall reside within the Cities of *London* or *Westminster*, or the Limits of the Bills of Mortality, then and in such Case, the Name of such last-mentioned Proprietor shall be the Name to be put upon such Carriage, as above directed.

Sect. 4. If the Coachman, or Person having the Care of any Stage Coach, or other such Carriage, shall permit or suffer any other Person to drive the same, without the Consent of the Passengers within such Coach, or other Carriage, or shall quit the Box without reasonable Occasion, or for a longer Space of Time than such Occasion may require, or shall, by furiously driving, or by any Negligence or Misconduct, overturn the Carriage, or in any Manner endanger the Persons or Property of the Passengers, or the Property of the Owners or Proprietors of such Carriage, every such Coachman so offending shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, nor less than Forty Shillings.

Sect. 5. If any Person going or travelling as a Guard to any Stage Coach, or other such Carriage, shall fire off the
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Arms he is entrusted with, either while the Coach or Carriage is going on the Road, or going through, or standing in any Town, otherwise than for the Defence of such Coach or other Carriage, every such Person shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Shillings.

Sect. 6. The Penalties by the said Act of 28 Geo. III, inflicted on Peace Officers refusing or neglecting to execute Warrants granted by Justices of the Peace pursuant to the Directions of the said Act, shall extend to, and be inflicted on all Peace Officers who shall refuse or neglect to execute any Warrants to be granted in pursuance of this Act; and the Penalties and Forfeitures inflicted by this Act shall and may be levied, recovered, and applied, in such and the same Manner, as by the said Act of 28 Geo. III, is directed respecting the Recovery of the Penalties and Forfeitures thereby inflicted; and the Forms of Proceedings relative to the several Matters contained in this Act shall be the same as those contained in the Schedule to the said Act of 28 Geo. III, and shall be used on all Occasions, with such Additions or Varia-

tions only as may be necessary to adapt them to the particular Circumstances of the Case; and no Objection shall be allowed to be made or Advantage taken on Account of Want of Form only in any such Proceedings.

Sect. 8. The Act is declared to be a Publick Act.

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The SCHEDULE referred to in the before abstracted Act of 28 G. III, C. 57, containing the Form of Proceedings mentioned in the said Act.

SUMMONS for any Person or Persons to attend a Justice.

Middlesex.

To *A. B.* of

WHEREAS Complaint and Information hath been made upon Oath, before me *C. D.* one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said [County, *et cetera*] by *E. F.* of

That, *et cetera* [*Here state the Nature and Circumstances of the Case, as far as it shall be necessary to shew the Offence, and to bring it within the Authority of the Justice; and in doing that, follow the Words of the Act as near as may be*] These are therefore to require you personally to appear before me at

in the said [County, *et cetera*] on the Day of next, at the

Hour of in the noon,

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to answer to the said Complaint and Information made by the said *E. F.* who is likewise directed to be then and there present to make good the same. Herein fail not.

Given under my Hand and Seal, this
 Day of One thousand seven hundred

INFORMATION.

Middlesex. **B**E it remembered, That on
 the Day of

One thousand seven hundred

A. B. of in the said County,
 informeth and maketh Oath before me
 One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, that
 of in the said County

[Here describe the Offence particularly, and follow the Words of the Act as near as may be], contrary to the Statute made in the
 Twenty-eighth Year of the Reign of King
 George the Third, for *[Here insert the Title of the Act]* which hath imposed a
 Forfeiture of for the said
 Offence.

Taken and sworn the Day of
 before me,
C. D.

FORM OF CONVICTION.

Middlesex. **BE** it remembered, That, on
the Day of in
the Year of our Lord One thousand seven
hundred at in
the County of aforesaid,
A. B. came before me *C. D.* One of His
Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said
County, *et cetera*, and informed me, that
E. F. of on the Day
of now last past, at
in the said County, did [*Here set forth
the Fact in the Manner described by the Act*]
whereupon the said *E. F.* after being duly
summoned to answer the said Charge,
appeared before me on the
Day of at
in the said County, and having heard the
Charge contained in the said Information,
declared that he was not guilty of the said
Offence; but the same being fully proved
upon the Oath of *G. H.* a credible Wit-
ness, it manifestly appears to me the said
Justice, that he the said *E. F.* is guilty
of the Offence charged upon him in the
said Information: It is therefore confi-
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dered and adjudged by me the said Justice, that he the said *E. F.* be convicted, and I do hereby convict him of the Offence aforesaid; and I do hereby declare and adjudge that he the said *E. F.* hath forfeited the Sum of _____ of lawful Money of *Great Britain*, for the Offence aforesaid, to be distributed as the Law directs, according to the Form of the Statute in that Case made and provided.

Given under my Hand and Seal, the
Day of _____ One thou-
sand seven hundred _____

This is to be
inserted where
the Party re-
fuses to appear
upon the Sum-
mons.

*After the Words, " being duly sum-
" moned to answer to the said Charge,"*
insert (did not appear before me pursuant
to the said Summons) or (did neglect and
refuse to make any Defence against the said
Charge, but the same being fully proved,
et cetera) as before.

This is to be
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the Party ac-
cused confesses
the Charge.

*After the Words, " contained in the said
" Information,"* insert (acknowledged
and voluntarily confessed the same to be
true, and it manifestly appears to me the
said Justice, *et cetera*) as above.

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BY Stat. 3 Geo. II, Cap. 36, intituled,
*An Act for confirming a Patent granted by
Her late Majesty Queen Anne to William
Trench Esquire deceased, for erecting a
Lighthouse upon the Island or Rock called
Skerries, and for the better Maintenance
of the said Lighthouse, and for making the
Duties granted for maintaining the same
perpetual*, it is enacted, That for and in
consideration of the frequent and con-
stant Benefit the Pacquet Boats sailing be-
tween *Holyhead* and *Dublin*, receive by
the said Lighthouse, That, from and after
the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* One
thousand seven hundred and thirty, His
Majesty's Post Master General or the Com-
missioners appointed to execute that Office
for the Time being, shall and are hereby
authorized, impowered, and required, to
pay to the said *Sutton Morgan*, his Heirs
and Assigns, the annual Sum of Fifty
Pounds, without any Office Fees, Deduc-
tion, or Poundage whatsoever, payable
Quarterly.

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ACCOUNTANT GENERAL

The Duty of the Accountant General is to keep a true and correct account of all the Receipts and Disbursements of the Public Money, and to certify the same to the House of Representatives.

He is also to keep a true and correct account of the Public Lands, and to certify the same to the House of Representatives.

He is also to keep a true and correct account of the Public Debts, and to certify the same to the House of Representatives.

He is also to keep a true and correct account of the Public Property, and to certify the same to the House of Representatives.

He is also to keep a true and correct account of the Public Works, and to certify the same to the House of Representatives.

He is also to keep a true and correct account of the Public Affairs, and to certify the same to the House of Representatives.

He is also to keep a true and correct account of the Public Revenue, and to certify the same to the House of Representatives.

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